

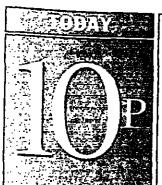


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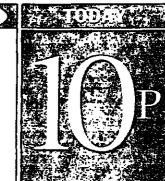
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Anger after 'shabby politics' claim

Hague sparks row over Blair Palace 'leaks'

By Nicholas Watt, Political Correspondent

THE political truce over the ing to appoint any Conservadeath of Diana, Princess of Wales, ended abruptly yesterday when William Hague accused Tony Blair of making

capital out of the tragedy.

The Conservative leader accused Downing Street of shabby politics by briefing the media on the Prime Minister's advice to the Royal Family

after the Princess's death. But his intervention appeared to have backfired last night when Buckingham Palace expressed astonishment as ministers and constitutional experts joined in a chorus of

Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, said: "It is disgraceful and William Hague ought to apologise to the Labour Party and the nation. It's despicable." And Lord St John of Fawsley, the former Conservative Cabinet minister, said: extraordinarily well. He spoke with great dignity and expressed the feelings of the

people at the time." Stung by suggestions that he had lacked gravitas in his remarks on the day the Princess died, Mr Hague fought back vesterday in an interview for Breakfast with Frost on BBC television. He said that he was annoyed that Downing Street had leaked confidential advice to the Palace in an attempt to cast the Prime Minister in a favourable light and to reflect badly on the Royal Family. He also accused the Government of exploiting the Princess's death by refus-

tives to the committee which memorial.

The Tory leader said: "Now that's shabby politics. It's bad government and it's no way to support the Royal Family in the future. I can't believe that that has been done with the sanction of the Prime Minister, but he should prevent it

Referring to the memorial committee chaired by Gordon should either be all-party or it shouldn't have any politicians on it. This is not a political matter. The whole nation. people of all political parties, shared the same sense of grief and the Princess did not belong to one political party."

Mr Hague added that it was inconsistent of the Government to invite Liberal Democrats to sit on Cabinet committees, but to restrict the Diana committee to the Government. He said: "I don't want to make a huge political controversy over these things, but I want to make it clear to the Government that there is a limit to what they can do without people saying 'you're taking political advantage'."

Labour sources could barely believe Mr Hague's remarks, which they described as a spectacular own-goal. One se-nior source said: He has made a monumental error. Everybody knows that Tony Blair united the nation. William Hague seems to have forgotten the first rule of

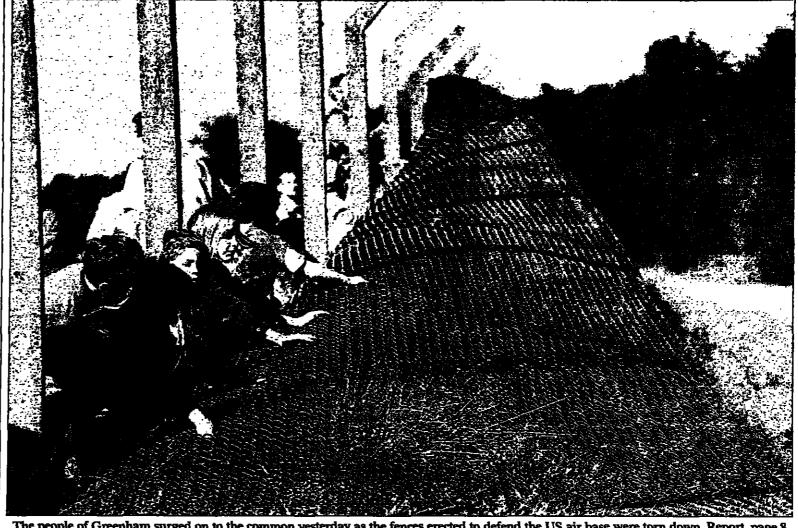
said that Mr Brown was unlikely to be moved by Mr Hague's call for a seat on the "We want to hear from the British public. The only suggestion we have had from William Hague is that Heathrow should be named after the

The Palace was more diplomatic, but clearly surprised by Mr Hague's intervention. A spokesman said: "Everyone knew we were consulting the Government. It all went very smoothly."

Conservatives defended Mr Hague last night, however, by circulating press cuttings showing how Downing Street had allegedly manipulated coverage to reflect well on Mr Blair. One newspaper said: "Blair made it clear to Prince Charles that the public would not stand for [a private funeralj.

Conservatives insisted that such insights could have come only from Downing Street. Francis Maude, the Shadow Culture Secretary, told BBC Radio 4: "We know that the Number Ten machinery was having a lobby briefing every day. The constant implication was that the Royal Family were wrong but Mr Blair, who is so close to the people, was right."

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The people of Greenham surged on to the common yesterday as the fences erected to defend the US air base were torn down. Report, page 8

Judges denied free rein on human rights law

By Frances GIBB

THE Government's plans for Britain's first Bill of Rights in 300 years will preserve Parliament's supremacy and deny judges power to strike down statutes that are inconsistent with human rights.

But courts may be able to declare offending laws "invalid", opening the way for Parliament to amend or abol-

Without such a power, lawyers predict that the reform -a key plank of Labour's constitutional programme - will prove ineffective and will do nothing to stop the stream of cases to the European Court of

has put forward a legal model for the reform based on New Zealand's legal system but with "more teeth"

The White Paper for the Human Rights Bill, expected towards the end of next month, will require courts to interpret laws in line with the European Convention as far as possible. Where there is a conflict, under Lord Lester's model, the Act will be amended by Parliament. Without that power, lawyers say judges will be unable ensure laws are in line with the new Act.

Ben Emmerson, a barrister and editor of the European Human Rights Law Review,

between a law and the Human Rights Act, the act must give way to the offending legislation, whenever it was passed. If adopted here, this will do nothing to reduce the number of cases which currently go to Strasbourg.

Also at issue is whether judges in lower courts should decide points themselves, or refer difficult cases up to the divisional court or Court of Appeal. Both solutions carry problems. If judges at the "coalface" are to decide, then a huge training programme would be needed as most of them are not versed in human rights law.

Human Rights in Strasbourg. said: "Under the New Zealand The proposed Act has also and procedures drawn up in Lord Lester of Herne Hill OC, model, if there is a conflict prompted concerns of a massive upheaval in the courts. both criminal and civil. Defence lawyers are expected to argue a host of human rights points on behalf of suspects in criminal trials, with potential for huge delays in the criminal justice system. At the same time, a boom is predicted in

> The White Paper is expected ☐ Propose a fast-track procedure for any offending laws held by the courts as "inconsistent" with human rights to be amended by Parliament. ☐ Give courts powers to invalidate secondary legislation. which includes all the rules

judicial review challenges.

statutes. ☐ There will be no new specif-

ic "tort" or civil wrong but courts will able to award compensation in line with the small awards made in Strasbourg by the EuropeanCourt of Human Rights. Judges from from the Court

of Appeal and High Court, with some circuit judges, will be addressed by experts and Government officials at a conference later-this month which is being held by the Judicial Studies Board and the Law Commission. A Bill is expected to follow early next year and to be in effect by next summer.



All change

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Unionists keep everyone guessing on peace talks

By Martin Fletcher, chief ireland correspondent

HISTORIC full-scale peace talks on the future of Northern Ireland open at Stormont this afternoon with the Ulster Unionist Party's presence still uncertain and the Democratic Unionist Party demanding Sinn Fein's expulsion.
The leadership of the UUP,

whose attendance is vital if the talks are to have any chance of success, will decide this morning what to do. The party is extremely unlikely to engage Sinn Fein face-to-face at this stage, but it could agree to negotiate through intermediaries. Another possibility is that it will stay away until it receives assurances on three key issues.

The party wants the Irish Government to state unequivocally - as Tony Blair did last Friday — that there can be no constitutional change in Northern Ireland without the consent of a majority of its people; it wants London and Dublin to state that some IRA disarmament will be required during the talks: it wants to know that the entire republican movement is committed to the Mitchell principles of democracy and non-violence principles disavowed by the IRA last week.

A UUP executive meeting on Saturday approved the party's participation in the talks process, but authorised the leader David Trimble to decide the exact tactics. He emphasised his determination "defend the union" and said: "The Unionist voice will

be heard one way or another. The party would be "involved directly or indirectly ...in a process that involves Sinn Fein, but we still have to explore the precise procedural options that exist (and) the position of the other parties." This morning Mr Trimble

will meet the loyalist Ulster Democratic and Progressive Unionist parties, which are also undecided. With the DUP and UK Unionist Parties boycotting the talks, those three would all have to attend to provide the required majority of Unionist votes for any decisions to be taken.

Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, said that proximity talks made no UUP join it at the negotiating table. "It's time to stop all the stalling and delaying tactics and move forward to bring the peace settlement all our people

desire and crave." But today's proceedings will almost certainly be dominated by questions about Sinn Fein's presence at the talks following the IRA's statement on the Mitchell principles. Ian Paisley's DUP has sent George Mitchell, the chairman, a

formal request that Sinn Fein be expelled on the grounds that it is inseparable from the IRA and has therefore reneged on Gerry Adams's commitment to those principles last Tuesday. While Sinn Fein's expulsion is unlikely, even the prime

minister acnowledged over the weekend that Mr Adams had a lot of questions to answer. The Pope urged prayers for the talks: "People of every sector of society there have shown an earnest and sincere

desire for a peaceful solution

to the long-standing conflict." Long march, page 6 Leading article, page 21 sense and demanded that the

Acrobats cross the Thames by tightrope

By MATTHEW BEARD

record books last night by completing the first two-man tightrope crossing of the River

As darkness fell and at a height of 150ft and without a security net beneath them, Didier Pasquette and Jade Kindar-Martin crossed a 1,000 ft wide stretch of the river from opposite directions along a teel wire stretched between

two cranes.
To aid concentration the two men, both experienced highwire walkers carrying llancing poles, communicated by voice-activated radio as ambulance and medical teams watched on.

The crossing between the Oxo Tower and Victoria Embankment is one of the widest stretches of the river which last night was shallow and would have offered no protec-

tion had either man fallen. Pasquette, 29, of France, who previously completed a tightrope walk stretched between the twin towers of Wembley Stadium, said before his latest venture: "If we fall, we die."

As the sun set over a breezy

TWO acrobats walked into the and chilly night the start was delayed by 20 minutes as engineers tightened the rig-ging in an attempt to minimise

the swing of the wire. The two-man walk has been attempted three times before — the last time 25 years ago but never by two people walk-ing from opposite banks, and stepping over each other in the

Kindar-Martin, from the United States, and Pasquette met in a French circus troupe of acrobats, fire-eaters and jugglers and have performed stunts since their teens. They rehearsed for this, their most dangerous stunt, in a French comfield.

The crossing was publicise the Thames Festival, to be held in 1999 in celebra-tion of Britain's longest river. It also coincided with the centenary of the death in England of the legendary French acrobat Jean François Grevelet, otherwise known as "Blondin", whose greatest feat was to cross the Niagara Falls on a tightrope, embelishing the performance by repeating it blindfolded and wheeling a

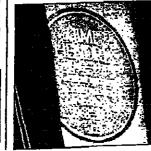
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Hendrix joins Handel with pop's first blue plaque



JIMI HENDRIX, the definitive wild man of rock, was still causing controversy yesterday - 27 years after his death. An English Heritage blue plaque was unveiled to the guitarist on a building next to one which remembers George Frideric

The Handel Society is reported to be annoyed about the plaque at 23 Brook Street, Mayfair, where Hendrix lived in 1968-69 with Kathy Etchingham, who proposed the honour. But Pete

Townshend, from The Who rock group, said as he unveiled the plaque: "There's been a lot of talk about whether a rock performer deserves to be on the building next door to George Frideric Handel, and I think he does. "I think that not all performers in pop

and rock do deserve this honour: I think Jimi does. He was so special, so extraordinary. He's up there for me with Miles Davis and Charlie Parker as a virtuoso, an innovator,"

Ms Etchingham, now a Surrey hou wife, told friends who had gathered that she was glad to see them fit and well. "I'm astonished, considering what we used to get up to 30 years ago," she joked.

About 2,000 fans mobbed Hendrix's father, James. 78, and sister Janie, 36, who watched the unveiling. Hendrix becomes the first pop performer to be honoured with a blue plaque.

Handel collection, page 5

The Times saw no sign of 'shabby politics' over Diana's death

POLITICAL journalists found themselves playing an unusual role after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, and in the week leading up to her funeral.

Usually, royal stories have few direct political implications and reporters from the Westminster lobby would have only a partial involvement in them. But this was no ordinary Royal story. Usually. under this and past governments, Downing Street would offer very little information about its contact with the Palace.

Perhaps the most surprising of William Hague's accusations against the Government yesterday was that there had been confidento put the Government in a good light and the Royal family in a bad light. That is not the experience of this newspaper. On the morning of the tragedy it was clear that the Government was deeply involved. Tony Blair, as Prime Minister, was clearly duty bound to speak to the nation on that Sunday morning.

Then, on the Monday morning. Alastair Campbell, the Prime Minister's Press Secretary, called an open Downing Street briefing to talk about the funeral arrangements. Both Palace and Downing Street wanted to put over the message that it was not to be a funeral for the "great and the good".

Government depart-



It was an extraordinary week for political reporters, but not so extraordinary as William Hague's accusations against Labour. Philip Webster reports

ments were clearly involved in the practicalities of the funeral plans from the start. At the two briefings, open to all the national newspapers and broadcasting organisations, Mr Campbell never uttered a word of criticism of the

Perhaps more significantly I can say that in around ten private

conversations I had with Mr Campbell during that week, Mr Blair's press secretary never strayed from that stance of total support for the Palace.

He was given every opportunity to do so. At that stage of events, with the Press and public in full cry over the absence of a flag over Buckingham Palace, and

Queen's prolonged stay at Balmoral, a rift between Downing Street and the Palace would have been yet another sensation. But it never happened. It is true that this newspaper judged from the briefings given by Downing Street that Mr Blair was always in lavour of a big state event to mark the Princess's death. But that was hardly surprising after his first words about her and his description as her as "the People's Princess". It briefed about funeral arrangements and was clearly well-placed to do so as three or four of Mr Blair's leading officials were regularly at the Palace to discuss

plans. But Downing Street did not.

in the experience of this paper,

break the convention about not revealing the contents of discussions between Mr Blair and the Queen.

Downing Street steadfastly refused to say anything about what happened at Balmoral last Sunday. the day after the funeral, when Mr Blair spent four hours with the Queen. Not surprisingly, that did not prevent journalists having a

Conservative anger, however, over what they see as Mr Blair's "hijacking" of the whole event for his own purposes has been evident for more than a week - and that was what was really behind Mr Hague's remarks yesterday. From the moment Mr Blair called her

"the People's Princess", the Labour Government had taken ownershipof her, according to one Tory insider yesterday. They have always called themselves the People's Party - now they have the People's Princess and soon they were briefing about the People's Funeral."

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Mr Hague's friends know that yesterday's accusations were risky. because he could be seen as putting himself on the side of the Royal family against the Princess. It was a gamble that he was clearly aware of when he prepared for yesterday's interview. According to one insider: There has been a lot more polities in this than most people realise and sooner or later someone had to come out and say something."

Elton tops chart with 600,000 sales in one day

By STEPHEN FARRELL

ELTON JOHN'S Candle in the Wind yesterday reached platinum sales of 600,000 and went to the top of the chart just one day after its release. His tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales, will almost certainly be the fastest-selling British single of all time, eclipsing Band Aid's 1.6 million first-week sales of Do They Know It's Christmas? in 1984.

A thousand staff worked a special shift at Mercury Records' pressing plant in Blackburn yesterday after record shops sold out of the £3.99 CD and £1.99 cassette within hours.

Band Aid went on to sell 3.51 million in the UK and seven million worldwide. The rewritten version of Candle in the Wind already has nine million advance orders worldwide.

Some believe it could remain the No I in Britain until Christmas, breaking the 16week record held by Bryan Adams with (Everything I Do) I Do it for You.

Each copy will raise £2.50 for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund and the final total is estimated at £10 million. The remainder of the price will cover costs of production and distribution.

Robert Partridge a Mercury spokesman, said: "It has been an incredible few days

sales of John Tavener's classihymn, Alleluia. May Flights of Angels Sing Thee To . Thy Rest, which was sung as the Princess's coffin was carried from the abbey. Buckingham Palace and the

Princess's home village of Great Brington were quietly. returning to normal yester day. Staff began gathering the thousands of flowers laid outside the Palace and Althorp in Northamptonshire, and 11, books of condolence placed in St Mary the Virgin parish Church have been closed.

The Palace refused to confirm reports that the Princess's apartment at Kensington Palace was to be divided into flats for members of the Royal Household to avoid them becoming a painful reminder to: Prince William and Prince Harry. A spokeswoman said no final decisions had been

French police announced. they were to hold a night-time reconstruction of the crash in which the Princess died, using the same paparazzi who followed the car on the night.

The announcement came as the Princess's personal bodyguard, Alexander Wingfield, gave his account of events leading up to the crash.

Mr Wingfield, 32, drove a decoy car past the accident but had no idea that the Princess, Jones and Henri Paul were in



Sold out: shoppers looking for copies of Candle in the Wind were disappointed yesterday in Oxford Street

CONSTITUTIONAL experts praised Tony Blair yesterday for behaving with dignity after Wales, and for observing the conventions governing relations between Downing Street and the Palace. Dismissing the criticisms

from William Hague, the Conservative leader, they said that the Prime Minister had been quite within his rights to allow his press advisers to brief the media on discussions about the funeral. Lord St John of Fawsley, the former Tory Cabinet minister who has edited the works of Walter Bagehot, the Victorian chronicler of the constitution, said: "I think Tony Blair handled the death extraordinarily well. He spoke with great dignity and ex-

Prime Ministers have no textbook to instruct them in such matters, and Downing Street faced uncharted waters after the death of the Princess. But a number of conventions have evolved.

The cardinal rule is that the

Oueen are never divulged. Only the Queen and the Prime Minister are present and no notes are taken as the Sovereign exercises her right to advise, encourage and warn her Prime Minister. Mr Blair met the Queen at Balmoral the day after the Princess's funeral and strictly observed this convention.

The conventions governing discussions between Downing Street and Palace officials are more relaxed. Mr Hague said that it had been wrong of Downing Street to brief journalists about Mr Blair's central role in opening up the funeral to the people.

However, Ben Pimlott, of Birkbeck College, a biogra-

Recent Prime Ministers have studiously observed such conventions: John Major was closely involved in the arments for the separation and divorce of the Prince and

Princess of Wales. As Prime Minister, he announced their separation to the Commons. ☐ Mr Hague defended the Civil List yesterday after newspaper-reports that Tony Blair. and the Prince of Wales were considering abolishing the system of funding senior members of the Royal Family. Ministers and Buckingham Palace denied the reports. The Tory leader told BBCi's Breakhast with Frost that Britain received great value from the

Canada questions royal ties

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

THE Canadian Government is flirting with a plan to cut its ties with the monarchy. Two Cabinet ministers have suggested that it is time to open a debate in Canada on whether the Queen should continue to be the Canadian head of state or whether she should be replaced by a Canadian.

John Manley, the Industry Minister, told a newspaper in of Canadian cities, that it was time to replace the monarchy.

"If we don't soon engage the discussion, the British will have done away with the monarchy before Canadians do," Mr Manley said. "My personal view is that it is probably time for us to say.

It's been a great institution'. ' Mr Manley said, however, that Canada should wait until the "death or demise of the incumbent Queen" before replacing the monarchy. Lloyd Axworthy, the Foreign Minister, said in London last week debate on the monarchy's role might have been quoted out of context. But Mr Manley's statements appear to indicate that Mr Axworthy's remarks were not accidental.

Mitchell Sharp, a former Canadian Foreign Minister who is considered a mentor of Jean Chrétien, the Prime Minister, also joined the debate. He said during a weekend interview that he, too, would appreciate a review of the monarchy. Mr Chretien "no plans" at present to re- pletely uncharted territory."

Sunday tabloids promise new code of restraint and respect

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

ances yesterday about their future coverage of the Royal Family and the use of photographs purchased from freeance photographers.

The News of the World, the biggest-selling Sunday newspaper, told readers that it was introducing strict rules to ensure that "yobs masquerading as photojournalists will be cut off for ever from the respectable newspaper world".

The paper, like The Times part of News International. said that all the press bore some responsibility for sup-porting such people. In future the News of the World, which has in the past been criticised for publishing pictures taken with long-range lenses on private property, will ban photographs which do not meet the guidelines of the code of conduct of the Press Complaints Commission.

This forbids the taking of long-range photographs on private property and the merciless stalking and pursuing of people in the news," the paper said in an editorial. Bridget Rowe, Editor of The

Sunday Mirror, gave readers "a firm and absolute assurance that we will respect the privacy of the young Princes". The People promised to work with the commission to protect William and Harry and "to introduce stricter rules regarding their privacy".

However, there was not total accord among editors about conduct after the Princess of Wales's death, in particular the need for privacy laws. Tony Blair has made

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The pledge made to readers yesterday clear that he does not want such legislation but at the

eekend a second editor offered his support for it. Charles Moore, of The Daily Telegraph, told a special edition of Hard News on Channel 4: There should be a

civil law of privacy because all

have a right to privacy. That right definitely needs to be protected partly by law. because at present it is constantly breached." Earlier this year Alan Rusbridger, Editor of The

Guardian, supported privacy legislation as part of a package also guaranteeing freedom of information. At the weekend Conrad

Black, chairman of The Telegraph Group, criticised Sir David English, Editor-in-Chief of the Daily Mail, in his role as chairman of the code of practice committee of the commission. He told a Canadian business audience that having Sir David as chairman of the committee was like appointing "Al Capone as head of the commission to investigate organised crime in Chicago in

Teachers to learn in the classroom

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PRIMARY school teachers struggling to grasp government methods for teaching reading and writing will be retrained by local authority instructors in front of their

Two hundred literacy consultants will be appointed by local councils to instruct primary school teachers, a government report says, today. Weak teachers in the four in ten primary schools deemed in need of intensive support will find themselves retrained on the job. These will include teachers identified by parents on the proposed hotline for reporting poor performance directly to the Government's Standards and Effectiveness

Next year a governor from each school will be trained alongside the head teacher to implement and monitor the drive to improve literacy standards. Michael Barber, head of the Standards and Effectiveness Unit, said: "A lot of the teacher training will be in the classroom during the lesson.

There is nothing more effective, according to the research, than seeing another qualified

professional doing what they

want you to do."

Professor Barber chaired the Literacy Task Force for Labour before the election when it proposed a daily literacy hour for every primary school. This is included in a package of measures in his report The Implementation of the National Literacy Strategy, sent to every local authority today, which he said was a "failsafe system" of introducing proven methods into every

The report details the Government's key literacy strategies: an hour a day on reading and writing, emphasis on the phonics method of sounding out individual letters to build up words, and urging parents to spend 20 minutes a night reading with their children. By 2002, the target is for 80 per cent of 11-year-olds to reach the national standard for their age compared with just over 50 per cent at present.

Sunday becomes day of shopping

By a Staff Reporter

SUNDAY shopping has become an essential part of the nation's weekend - but although more shops are opening they are not making extra profits, according to a new report.

Three years after Sunday trading was introduced, more than half of the population take advantage of the law change, the annual survey

Shopping has overtaken more traditional pastimes on the "day of rest". Only one in eight Britons now regularly sits down to a family Sunday lunch. The number of shops open increased by 6 per cent in the past year, says the survey for the international property consultants Healey & Baker. Of the major 100 cities and towns, 97 have more than 10 per cent of their shops open. Twenty-two of the top 25

shopping centres are open. But the report says that Sunday trading is mainly rearranging the same level of weekly consumer expenditure", rather than generating

extra spending. The average increase of profits was just over I per cent for the shops that open, while 45 per cent of retailers trading on Sunday said they had no additional

Paul Orchard-Lisle, senior partner at Healey & Baker. said: "Sunday trading is now firmly established. People value it and town authorities have embraced it. It may not lead to increased profits for retailers but those that are not

open risk losing out." There were lessons for retailers considering opening later at night throughout the week, he said. "It is 'chicken and egg. Until a large number of stores are open late, it is difficult to judge the potential demand. The probability is that the marginal return on: costs is unlikely to be worth.

while after 9pm." Supermarkets are the most popular destination, followed by out-of-town DIY and

garden centres.

Awkward customer, page 16

pher of the Queen, said that it pressed the feelings of the was acceptable for Downing Street brief the media on these discussions as long as the Palace was not cast in an unfavourable light. Professor Pimlott said: "The Prime Minister's people would have been very careful not to say anything that differed from the Palace and that would embarcontents of the Prime Minis-Royal Family for the money. 15 Sept 97 BE HERE **TONIGHT**



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Treatment aids cancer victim to have baby

By Ian Murray and Stephen Farrell

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THREE years after emerging from a gruelling regime of chemotherapy which left her infertile, Gill Garnham yesterday praised the pioneering fertility treatment which gave her a haby son, Frederick.

The experimental technique involves surgeons implanting eggs taken up to five years earlier before the eggs were exposed to the harmful effects of the cancer treatment. It has given new hope to

spair of illness and sterility and made her one of the first women to undergo highdosage chemic-

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recurred therapy who went on to have her own child. Mrs Garnham, 36, a thought marketing research manager was having from Wadhurst.

she would never mother if doctors had not advised her of the possibilities on the dismal day in 1993 when they broke the news that her Hodgkin's disease, a cancer of the lymph

glands, had returned. She had first been first diagnosed with the disease in November 1991, three months after her marriage, but emerged after 18 weeks' chemotherapy and four weeks' radiotherapy with only a temporary effect on her fertility. However the recurrence meant a second course of

treatment, and a grave risk of

permanent sterility.
"When I was told I had a recurrence of the cancer, the last thing I thought about was having a baby," she said yesierday.

"I knew I would have to undergo chemotherapy again and there was no chance of keeping my fertility.

"It was as though a door had been slammed in my face, but I knew statistically I had patients facing the twin devery little chance of surviving so I wasn't even

thinking about having a baby. 6 When it "However, the day I was told I had the cancer again, the doctor treating me at the Royal Marsden Hospital said they could hold off the chemotherapy long enough to put me through one cycle of in

vitro fertilisation

"I knew it was my last chance and as a result of that we were able to get five embryos and have them frozen in case one day I got

With the support of her husband Neil, 38, a barrister, and the hope provided by the chance of one day becoming a mother, she fought through the second illness.

However the doctors worst fears proved correct, and she had to undergo a high-level chemotherapy in January and February 1994. Although this



Gill Garnham, her husband Neil and their baby Frederick. She praised doctors for helping her with pioneering treatment

removed all the cancer, it left her with no chance of ever producing her own eggs. "All the cells in the body are destroyed and they have to

two failed.

That was really our last

chance and statistically I knew

there was only a 20 per cent

recover. Not everyone gets through that and even then your chances of survival for two years are only 35 per cent," she said. "I believe that the fact that I knew the embryos were there and that I might still one day be a mother was one factor which made me hang on and gave

"As each month went by my chances improved and after two years I was given the all

In January last year she was sent to Hammersmith Hospital in London for treatment at the world-famous IVF unit run by Lord Winston, Profes-

Institute of Obstetries and chance that it would work. But Gynaecology. In May last

"I had a really good preg-nancy and it even made me year a 'dummy run' with three of the embryos proved unsuccessful after one did not not feel better of the dreadful defrost properly and the other tiredness and lack of energy I had never really got rid of Six months later, in Novemafter the chemotherapy ber, the last two were implanted.

Frederick, a 7lb 9uz baby. was born by Caesarean at Pembury Hospital in Tonbridge, Kent, three weeks ago, just after her sixth wedding anniversary.

Lord Winston said the case was one of only a handful that had so far been successful using IVF with a patient who had undergone massive chemotherapy treatment. "It is very important that people realise this sort of thing can be done." he said.

Because we are getting better at cancer treatment a lot

of young people have permanently successful cures. However a lot of specialists do not seem to realise that some

patients find it worse to be confronted with sterility than by the knowledge that they are suffering from cancer.

The fact that this patient has been able to have a healthy buby after all she has been through will give muchneeded hope to others.

Drug link clue to contract killing

A MILLIONAIRE scrap dealer may have been murdered by a contract killer in a drugrelated attack. Ray Clifford. 44, died in the early hours of Saturday morning from gun-shot wounds to his head as he visited the yard of his firm in a wooded country lane.

Detectives are trying to discover why Mr Clifford, from Rochester, Kent, was lured to his isolated scrapyard near the hamlet of Lidsing, near Chat-ham. Police believe the murder was planned and the gunman knew that Mr Clifford, who was married with

two children, would turn up. Some local people, who would not be named, claimed that Mr Clifford had made many enemies and alleged he was a "big time" drugs dealer. One said: "He had stepped on many people's toes as he made millions of pounds from drugs. Any one of scores of his enemies could have pulled the trigger." Another said: "He was a nasty piece of work and he had a lot of enemies."

Detective Chief Inspector Dave Stevens, said: "It appears this crime was pre-meditated. It is not necessarily professional, as such, but it ooks like it was planned and that they knew the victim would be there. Although Mr. Clifford owned the property. he did not live there. It would have been a bizarre coinci-dence if the killer had turned up there by chance at precisely the time Mr Clifford did."



Would you like a phone system that grows as you grow?

Generous readers send Polish girl to Oxford

By David Charter, education correspondent

too poor to attend Oxford University was told yesterday that she can take up her place after a huge response to her British school's appeal for

help in The Times. Donations ranging from £25 to £2.000 poured in for Paulina Wojtowska. 18. who gained five As at A level at Millfield School in Somerset even though English is her third language. Such was the response that Pembroke College, where she starts her course next month, was also able to fund an Albanian student similarly unable to afford the place she earned.

Miss Wojtowska's plight was disclosed in The Times on August 18. She was said to be the best linguist that Millfield. where she studied on a scholarship, has ever had and wanted to study Japanese to help her aim of becoming a diplomat for Poland.

Speaking from her parents' home near the Polish border with Russia yesterday, Miss Wojtowska said: "I have just received confirmation from Oxford and I cannot believe it. I had given up hope. I tried and tried but it was just impossible to get any money here. I really didn't think I was going to Oxford and I am incredibly grateful to everyone

rector at Pembroke said donations for Paulina included 17 of £500 or less and five pledges of £1,000-a-year. Three trusts contributed large annual sums.

Miss Wojtowska, from needed around £15,000 for each year of a fouryear course, to cover the £9,300 tuition fees for overseas students, £3.000 college fees and £3,000 living expenses. The largest individual dona-

tion, of £2,000, came from a woman with no Millfield or Pembroke connections who said she was "touched by the article in The Times" and wanted to remain anonymous. A former Pembroke student



Paulina Wojtowska: wants to be diplomat

A TALENTED Polish student Ray Rook, development di- pledged £500 and offered to persuade two of his irrends and a woman whose daughter is studying Japanese at a different Oxford college prom-

ised to send course books. Dr Rook said: "One donor sent a cheque but no address and we would like to thank her, and all the others."

He added: "Paulina was over the moon when I phoned her. It is difficult to say whether we have got enough money or not to be honest because some is still promised and it is not all in the bank. But we felt we had to tell her to come and we will do our best

over the four years." One trust which contacted Pembroke after reading about Paulina's plight, decided instead to sponsor the Albanian student in full when it heard the appeal for the Polish girl was going well.

Jonida Gjodede, 18, had similarly given up hope of being able to take up her place at Oxford.

Miss Gjodede, from Flore will be only the fourth Albani an in the last ten years to reach Oxford. She gained the equivalent of 12 starred-A grades at GCSE in Albania and won a scholarship to the Red Cross Nordic World College in Norway. She will study economics and management at Pem-

broke College.

Another academician rails against Hindley exhibition

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

THERE was another outburst from an academician yesterday over the decision by the Royal Academy of Arts to exhibit sculptures involving blood, dismembered limbs and a portrait of Myra Hindley.

Ralph Brown, a sculptor represented in the Tate Gal-lery and international collections, spoke of his disgust at the "art" and called for the resignation of Norman Ro-senthal, the exhibitions secretary. In a letter to the president, Sir Philip Dowson, he promises to "exert every effort to get rid of

Mr Brown expressed support for a fellow academician, Michael Sandle, who resigned last week over the matter "I do understand why he exploded. But I will stay and fight my corner."
While academicians such as Tom Phillips and Norman Ackroyd support the show, the vast majority. Mr Brown stressed, had told the RA that for reasons of "decency and good taste", the Hindley portrait should not be

He suggested that last Thursday's 26-19 vote to include it in the exhibition would have seen a different outcome if members who live abroad or outside London had been able to attend. The vote distorted the majority view, he has told the President, Sir Philip

Dowson. He said he had been assured that the Hindley portrait would be withdrawn "but it wasn't and I'm not keeping quiet any

The work of the Chapman brothers was particularly offensive: "The pastiche Guya [in which dismem-bered limb, torso and head hang from a tree| are just disgusting."

Norman Rosenthal, the exhibitions secretary, is blamed by many of the developments. In his letter to Sir Philip, Mr Brown says: "I will exert every effort to get rid of Rosenthal. He has been there too long. and the harm he has done to the academy in this case far ourweighs any good he has done in the past."

David Gordon, the academy's secretary, said Mr Rosenthal had "initiated over 20 years one superb exhibition after another".

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Leaders who dominated their times, for good or evil: Hitler (No 14), Schwarzkopf (49), Patton (95)

Washington leads the march of time

Michael Evans looks at an American historian's controversial

ranking of the world's most influential military leaders

A SENIOR American army officer and historian has produced a controversial list of the hundred most influential military leaders of all time. It includes Adolf Hitler and Saddam Hussein but excludes Sir Winston Churchill.

The ranking of the leaders, from the fifth century BC to Desert Storm in 1991, was compiled by Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Lanning, a decorated Vietnam war veteran who served on the staff of General Norman Schwarzkopf

commander of the US Army's I Corps. Top of the list is George Washington. Also included are William the Conqueror, Oliver Cromwell, Nelson and Field Marshal Montgomery.

Colonel Lanning, 50, was awarded the Bronze Star for valour in Vietnam in 1969 and since he left the US Army has written ten books. He accepted that his book, which is to be published in Britain later this month, would inevitably invite criticism. He said he had initially

British warriors rule over the battlefields

BRITISH kings and generals have been more influential than those of any other country, according to Lieutenant Colonel Lanning's survey (Mark Henderson writes).

Although no British leaders make the top ten, and only Cromwell makes the top 20, 19 Britons reach the top 100. There are 17 Americans — led by George Washington at the head of the list — despite the relatively short time, of little more than 200 years, that the United States has been fighting wars.

France provides 12 of the top 100, Germany or Prussia nine. Russia and China four each, and Turkey. Sweden and Spain three apiece. Eleven of Colonel Lanning's choices are revolutionary leaders. Joan of Arc is the only woman.

Churchill and Stalin are not the only notable omissions. King Alfred, who saved Wessex from Viking conquest, has a good claim for inclusion, as do two of England's greatest leaders of the Hundred Years' War, the Black Prince and Henry V. Clive and Wolfe, whose victories

at Plassey and Quebec secured India and Canada for the British Empire, are omitted, and there are no places for Lord Howard of Effingham and Sir Francis Drake, architects of the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588.

Scots will be disappointed that William Wallace and Robert the Bruce have not been included. Air warfare is almost totally neglected, with no place for Hermann Goering, who built the Luftwaffe into a formidable force, or for Arthur "Bomber" Harris.

Many will be surprised to see the Duke of Marlborough's ally at Blenheim in 1704. Eugène of Savoy, placed higher than the duke. Napoleon and Hannibal are placed above Wellington and Scipio, their ultimate vanquishers.

had whittled them down to 100 and had included only those military leaders who had dominated their times, for good or evil, and had exerted profound influence on the

Stalin is not on the list, nor is Churchill. Colonel Lanning said that although Churchill had a huge influence on the conduct of the Second World War he was a political leader and had not commanded military operations.

General Colin Powell, the former Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was General Schwarzkopf's superior officer in the Desert Storm campaign, was also left off the list, but General Schwarzkopf is

The most influential British military leaders on the list include Cromwell (number 19) who led his forces to victory over the Royalists in the Civil War in the seventeenth century but whose military career did not begin until he was 40; the Duke of Wellington (22) who earned his place as one of the greatest leaders long before his final defeat of Napoleon; the Duke of Marlborough (31), one of the premier military leaders of the eighteenth century; Nelson (35), perhaps the most influential admiral in history, and Field Marshal Alan Brooke, who became Viscount Alanbrooke (44), commander of all British troops in the Second World War. Montgomery is listed at

Colonel Lanning admitted there was an American bias in his selection. George Washington, commander of the American Continental army and the first President of the United States, who he rated at number one, was "the most influential military leader of all time". Colonel Lanning said: "I'm

number 63.



Washington: without him "there would be no United States"

not talking about the best military leader but the most influential. George Washington was not a great general but he kept the American army together and with-out him there wouldn't be a United States today."

General Sir Anthony Farrarlockley, who served with the 1st Airborne Division in Greece, Italy and France up to 1945 and is a military historian, disagreed with the order of Colonel Lanning's top one hundred and said famous British commanders should have been higher up the list.

"Wellington should be higher than number 22, he never lost a

battle," he said. He was also astonished at the omission of Stalin. "If Hitler is included, then Stalin should be on the list because he dominated the Russian military command," he said.

Sir Anthony also decried the absence of Field Marshal William Slim, who commanded the 14th "forgotten" Army in Burma and won a resounding victory against the Japanese. "He was a great general." Sir Anthony said.

The 100 Most Influential Military Leaders, by Michael Lanning (Robinson; £7.99)

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TOP 100 GREATEST MILITARY LEADERS

George Washington, 1732-1799 Napoleon, 1769-1821 Alexander the Great, 356-323 BC. Macedonian conqueror of Persia Genghis Khan, c.1167-1227.

Mongol leader
Julius Caesar, c.100-44 BC
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Spanish conqueror of the incas
Charlemagne, 742-814.
Holy Roman Emperor
Hernande Cortés, 1435-1547.
Spanish conqueror of the Aztecs
Cyrus the Great, c.590-c.529 BC.

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12. Simon Bolivar, 1783-1830.
South American liberator
13. William the Conqueror, c.1027-1097
14. Adoff Hitler, 1889-1945
15. Attila the Hun, c.406-453

16 George Marshall, 1880-1859. US chief of staff in Second World War 17 Peter the Great, 1672-1725. Russian Tsar 18 Dwight Eisenhower, 1890-1969.

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American general
19 Oliver Cromwell, 1599-1658
20 Douglas MacArthur, 1880-1964.
United Nations commander in Korea
21 Karl von Clausewitz, 1780-1831.
Prussian general and author of On War
22 The Duke of Wellington, 1769-1852.
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38 Alfred Mahan, 1840-1914. American admiral 39 Helmuth von Moltke, 1800-1891.

40 Vo Nguyen Glap, c.1912-. North Vietnamese general 41 John Pershing, 1860-1948. Commanded the American exp Commanded the American experimental force in Europe in the First World War Maurice of Nassau, 1567-1625. Dutch general and military theorist 43 Joan of Arc. 1412-1431.

French heroine
44 Alam Brooks, 1883-1963, British marshal
45 Jean de Gribeauval, 1715-1789, French
general who revolutionised artillery
46 Omar Bradley, 1893-1981

Ground commander of US forces in
Europe in the Second World War
Raiph Abercromby, 1734-1801
British general
Mao Tectung, 1993-1976.
Chinese revolutionary leader
A9 Norman Schwarzdopf, 1934.

Gulf War commander

Aleksandr Suvorov, c.1729-1800.
Russian marshal

Louds Berthier, 1753-1815.
French war minister under Napoleo

José de San Martin, 1773-1850.

South American revolutionary
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Italian revolutionary leader
54 Ivan Konev, 1397-1973, Soviet marshal who commanded Soviet ground forces after the Second World War

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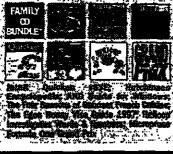
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Rare collection is musical joy to Handel museum

By Dalya Alberge arts correspondent

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AN EXTRAORDINARY collection of manuscripts and memorabilia relating to the composer George Frideric Handel has been acquired for the nation by a museum being founded in his name.

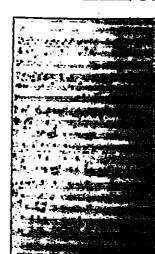
The cost, believed to be about £500,000, reflects the collection's importance and rarity. It includes a unique letter - with the original wrapper and Handel's seal in which the composer wrote to his librettist about Messiah, a manuscript leaf revising an aria in his oratorio Esther, an uncatalogued arrangement of a Handel keyboard piece by Mozart, and even the original ivory and metal tickets from theatres in which Handel's works were performed. Nothing comparable has

appeared on the market in living memory. Unlike Mozart. Beethoven and other masters, documents bearing Handel's hand are unavailable. They are in public collections - almost from the time of his death, virtually everything was passed on to the Royal music library.

More than 1,000 items make up the Byrne Collection, put together by Gerard Byrne, a reing devotee of Handel. It has been purchased by the Handel large ... We have no record of House Trust, which is renovating the London house in which the German-born composer lived and worked for most of his life.

The five-storey house at 25 Brook Street, WI, was Handel's home for 36 years until his death there in 1759. In its first-floor front room he composed masterpieces such as Messiah and Music for the Royal Fireworks. Downstairs the entrepreneurial Handel sold concert tickets, scores and engraved portraits of himself advertised in newspapers from his front room.

The building, which is in severe need of restoration, had been destined for commercial development until the trust - Messiah.' succeeded in raising purchase Heritage Memorial Fund.



centre of operations. "He com-

posed there, during intensely

creative spells - usually be-

tween May and October when

the light was best - at one of the many round card tables

scattered about the first-floor

The Byrne letter, which Dr Maguire described as the best-

preserved example to have survived, touches on the

composing process. It was sent to his librettist Charles

Handel acknowleges receipt of the first material for the

biblical drama Belshazzar

and refers to Jennens's criti-cisms of Messiah: "Be pleased

to point out these passages in

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Other items include impor

tant first editions of Handel's

works — spanning nearly 50 volumes — which were

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you require altering."

Earl of Shaftesbury.

A leaf from Handel's oratoria Esther

the way they were in Handel's day; the carved wooden staircase is among original features that have survived.

Simon Maguire of Sotheby's music department — which negotiated a private treaty sale - said the Handel museum could not be a more appropriate setting.

Commenting on the collection's importance he said: "Handel is the rarest of the great composers on the market. This is one of the greatest you could find. It is unusually anything by Handel appearing for the past 25 years.

In auction terms he is rarer than Bach, Mozart and Beethoven, who we have had on a regular basis at auctions here. Last year, we had a complete Bach cantata. We have never had anything more than a few pages that Handel had

Brook Street was built in the early 1720s and the composer Anne Sadie, the director of the pal significance of the house is that it was there, during 24 intense days in the summer of 1741, that Handel composed

She said that although he with the Haymarket and

Rooms are being returned to Covent Garden theatres, it A lorra, lorra loaf may ease Cilla's old age



7 hile Cilla Black prepares for a new show she is reported to be looking for ways to prevent osteoporo-sis, which blighted her mother's final years. Black is 54, and should be thinking seriously about hormone replacement therapy. Jilly Cooper recently said she looked forward to having a natural form of HRT with her morning toast and

The author's wish may be fulfilled as Allied Breweries is to introduce a Ladies' Loaf made from soya flour and linseed oil, which are rich in phytoestrogens. It has been sold in Australia. where the advertising sugsted that four slices a day of "Sheilas' Bread" would cut menopausal hot flushes by 40 per cent and help to prevent osteoporosis.

The adverts also said that it puts the waltz back into Matilda, which presumably means that it will lift menopausal depression. Women about to desert the phytoestrogen enriched bread should remember how Socrates demonstrated

their wholemeal crusts for when he swallowed hemlock that a substance is not



natural and comes from a plant. Phytoestrogens, the botanical chemicals which mimic oestrogen, have a powerful oestrogenic effect

which may not be harmless. Putting oestrogens, whatever their origin, into bread is a scattergun approach to medicine as the remedy will not be carefully aimed at the menopausal, for whom it will be helpful, and may be taken by other members of the family.

Oestrogen helps to prevent heart disease, osteoporosis and cataracts, and probably helps to delay senile dementia. When takincreases the risk of breast cancer. (The oestrogen in HRT is counteracted by a

rogestogen.) Excessive oestrogen in younger women, absorbed before or during their reproductive years, may make their sons predisposed to conditions such as undescended or maldescended testes, and torsion or cancer of the testes. It has been suggested that the increased levels of circulating oestrogen as a result of improved nutrition may be responsible for the falling sperm count in the West.

Allied Bakeries will pre sumably continue to bake loaves for Bruce as well as Sheila, otherwise the men of Australia may well find that they develop breasts, a female distribution of fat, lose their potency and start to shrivel prematurely. Their only consolations may be a better head of hair and possibly a reduced risk of prostate cancer.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD



Julie Anne Sadie with some of the memorabilia that the Handel House Museum acquired through Sotheby's

Girl, 10, is dragged from park and raped

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A TEN-YEAR-OLD girl who was raped on the banks of the Thames after being dragged from a park where she was playing was being questioned by police last night.

The attack happened on Saturday night and lasted for an hour before she was released. The girl, from Tilehurst, Reading, had been playing with a friend when she was approached by a man she was approached by a man who struck up a conversation.

Detective Inspector George Turner, leading the investiga-tion, said that the man enticed her away from the park. The alarm was raised by another ten-year-old girl who was playing with her and who told

The girl was eventually spotted struggling towards her home in a distressed state. She was taken to the Thames Valley Police family protection unit where a specially trained woman officer comforted and questioned her.

A 25-year-old man was being questioned at Reading

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Long march to negotiating table has not softened hardline resolve

noeuvring, the peace negotiations opening at Stormont today are widely seen as the best chance of resolving the conflict in Ulster since Ireland was partitioned in 1921.

No one underestimates the huge obstacles ahead, but the talks are the first to take place against the background of a general ceasefire. Republicans have finally come to the negotiating table. Sooner or later David Trimble is likely to become the first Unionist leader since partition to face the IRA's political representatives across that table.

The British. Irish and American Governments are determined to resolve the conflict. and the price for any party that abandons the negotiations will be great.

The goal is to reconcile the seemingly irreconcilable. Unionists and loyalists are bent on maintaining the Union while nationalists and republicans want a united Ireland. However, the parameters of a settlement were set out in the Anglo-Irish framework document in 1995 and. for all their public rhetoric, no party would be entering the talks unless they found that outline broadly acceptable.

The document envisaged a devolved assembly for North-



David Trimble and Gerry Adams may find extremists on their side, rather than opponents, hardest to please

Any party that snuffs out peace

hopes by leaving talks will pay a

high price, reports Martin Fletcher

its territorial claim to Northern Ireland. The assembly will be devised in strand one of the talks and should be a relatively straightforward exercise in power-sharing, though the na-ture and extent of those powers will be contestd. Strand three, dealing with Anglo-Irish relations, should also be reasonably straightforward.

The crux will be the nature of the cross-border institutions, dealing with North-South relations, to be decided in strand two. Unionists see these institutions as potential-"an embryonic third government" that will gradually suck them into a united Ireland via a "constitutional twilight zone".

Mr Trimble, as leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, will fight to ensure the institutions have no executive powers, are strictly accountable to the assembly, and deal only with

Like Mr Trimble, Mr Adams has hardliners watching his every move, as an IRA spokesman made clear in last week's interview with the renublican newspaper An Phoblacht. They will want a lot more than the Sunningdale power-sharing executive that was on offer 23 years and 2,000 killings ago. A republican split is not impossible.

cede the assembly.

as tourism and agriculture.

If Mr Trimble cedes too much

he risks the fate of a former

UUP leader, Brian Faulkner, who was ousted after the collapse of the Sunningdale

power-sharing executive in 1974. Ian Paisley, leader of the

Party, will seize every chance to accuse him of selling out. If

Mr Trimble gives just enough, however, he could lock Sinn

Fein into tacit recognition of the Union and become North-

ern Ireland's first Prime Min-

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, is also walking a

tightrope. He knows he cannot

deliver the end of British rule

for which republicans have

been spilling their own and

others' blood for the past

quarter-century. He has to produce a package that not

benefits for his people - police

reform, economic advance-

demilitarisation - but one that can be presented as an "interim" or "transitional" ar-

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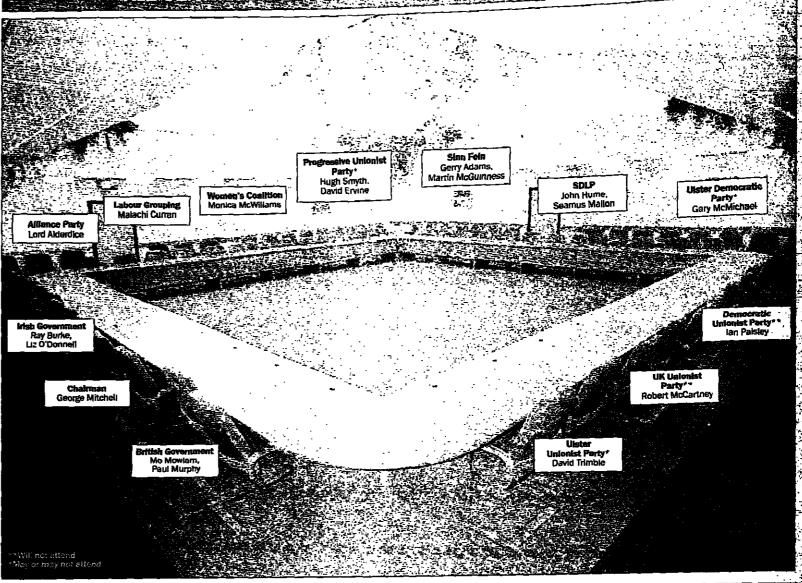
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ister since Mr Faulkner.

Democratic Unionist

Tony Blair has set May as a deadline for agreement. Any package must then be approved by referendums in Northern Ireland and the Republic, and by the British and Irish Parliaments. All that can be safely predicted is that nt months will be a political rollercoaster.

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Stark building is perfect place for plain speaking

FOR peace talks so potentially historic, the venue could hardly be more plain. The parties will convene not in the neo-Palladian grandeur of Stormont's Parliament Buildings, nor in Stormont Castle with its Scottish baronial towers and turrets, but midway between the two in a 1970s glass-and-concrete civil service office block that Prince Charles would proba-

ble consider a carbuncle. The Stormont Castle Buildings are protected by high inner and outer wire mesh fences, between which are a couple of portable buildings where journalists wait to interview politicians. Inside, the Unionist and loyalist parties offices are on one floor. and those of the nationalists

and republicans on another. It is thus easy for them to avoid each other except in the

If and when they all meet face to face it will be in a large. square, fifth-floor conference room distinguished only by its utter lack of distinction. There is a skylight but no windows. There are a few plants, and some nondescript paintings on the pinkish walls, but no flags or provocative emblems of any sort.

A government official described the room as "adequate to the task, neither more so nor less so. The emphasis is not on luxury but practicality and creating a useful working environment where serious business can be done."

The three-member delegations will sit in loose alphabetical order at wooden tables. bare except for microphones. and arranged to form a large hollow square. Sinn Fein will thus — in theory at least — sit next to the Progressive Unionist Party, which speaks for the loyalist paramilitary Ulster Volunteer Force.

The nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party will be next to the Ulster Democratic Party, which is linked to the paramilitary Uister Defence Association. The negotiators will not be allowed to bring unofficial bodyguards into the building.

The conference room has been used for talks-abouttalks since June 1996. Here Robert McCartney, leader of the UK Unionist Party, held forth for seven hours on one notorious occasion. Here, during an interminable procedural wrangle, a former loyalist paramilitary complained sotto voce to a ministerial bodyguard that he had been tortured in the RUC's Castlereagh interrogation centre "but never as bad as this". The only redeeming feature is an adjacent bar that loyalist negotiators allegedly drank dry

one night The talks will be held on the first three days of each week until next May. Any package will require approval in referendums in Northern Ireland and the Republic and by both British and Irish parliaments

For Northern Ireland's impoverished parties this could represent quite a windfall. The British and Irish Governments will pay each negotiator up to £100 a day, and each party up to £6,000 a quarter for research plus a £300-a-day support grant and travel and

Proximity talks would be far cry from Bosnia

BY OUR CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

PARALLELS will be drawn with the Bosnian proximity talks of November 1995 if the Ulster Unionist Party chooses to negotiate with Sinn Fein through intermediaries. But beyond the observation that bitter enemies would be in the same place but different rooms. there are few real grounds for comparison.

The Government has undoubtedly drawn up contingency plans for proximity talks but is reluctant to discuss them. "We think it's more important that everyone faces each other around the table, eveball to eveball." one official said. "We'll cross the proximity route if and when we have to."

At Dayton the Clinton Administration, which had the power to lift economic sanctions and arms embargos, essentially coerced the war-weary presidents of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia to gather at the Wright Patterson air base in Ohio. Northern Ireland's parties will attend or boycott these peace negotiations as they

see fit. The three presidents. and their delegations were each given separate generals' quarters. Richard Holbrooke, the Assistant Secretary of State, shuttled between them, and after three weeks of deadlocked talks all but imposed a settlement. Any agreement in Northern Ireland will have to be approved in referendums and be willingly entered into by both Unionists and republicans, if it is to produce a genuine and lasting peace.

The Bosnian settlement involved partition, and partition is the root cause of the Northern Ireland conflict By handing eastern Bosnia to the Serb aggressors it violated a basic international principle, and the world condoned it only because the alternative was further "ethnic cleansing". Two years later thousands of foreign troops are still enforcing the Bosnian settlement.

The goal in Northern Ireland is a settlement that will enable the British Army to withdraw after 28 years.

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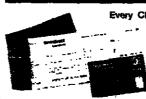
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Trimble accuses Dublin of sabotage

By MARTIN FLETCHER

DAVID TRIMBLE, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, accused the Irish Government yesterday of "sabotaging" the international body on paramilitary disarmament that Unionists

have been promised. The British and Irish Governments are expected formally to confirm the membership of that body today, but it remains to be seen if the Canadian General John de Chastelain, the Unionists' choice, will be its chairman.

Unionists say that Dublin has been blocking General de Chastelain's appointment because he takes too strong a line on the need for IRA disarmament during the peace talks. The Governments deny that, insisting that the general cannot chair both the decommissioning body and the strand of the talks dealing with relations between Northern Ireland and the Republic because of the workload.

The Governments originally promised to have the body up and running two months ago, but its belated establishment means the talks may be several weeks old before it is fully operational. Unionists say this shows the Governments are paying lip service to

Unionists are also angry that the body has been given no powers to require decommissioning, only to facilitate and monitor that process. Mr Trimble told the BBC:

I would like to hear from the Irish Government a reason why they've been trying to sabotage arrangements that they agreed to in July."

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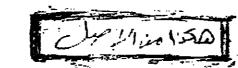
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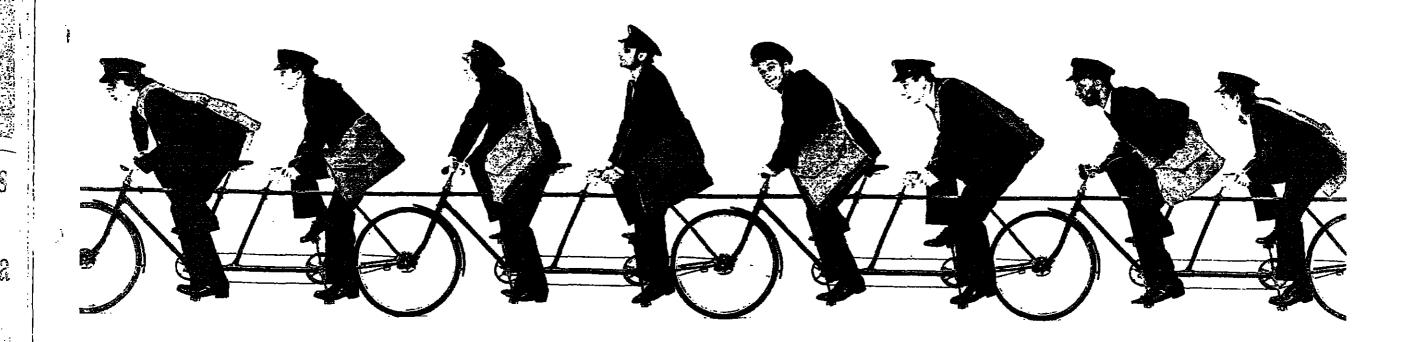
IN THE TIMES ON TUESDAY Royal Shakespeare Company THEATRE FOR THE NATION The world's leading classical theatre company is extending its stage to every corner of the land. ROYAL SHAKESPEARE Tuesday's 12-page supplement looks at the plays, the players and the drama behind the company's

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THE much-criticised catch-all criminal law on assault, contained in an Act of 1861, is to be scrapped in a government review of legislation on

violence. The Offences against the Person Act is used in 100,000 prosecutions a year, in Crown courts and magistrates' courts, in cases including malicious wounding, grievous bodily harm and threats to kill. It has been strongly attacked by the Law Commission, the Government's law reform body, as creating constant legal argument and delay because of its unclear wording, and wasting thousands of pounds of taxpayers'

money in appeals. It also needs modernising to take account of new forms of assault such as stalking and harassment, and the transmission of diseases such as Aids. Sir Henry Brooke, the High Court judge who chaired the Law Commission at the time of its report on the Act in 1993. has condenined the law as a "disgrace" and a cause of

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Call to let remand

prisoners sue

Remand prisoners who are eventually acquitted should be able to apply for compen-sation from the Government for their time in jail, according to a report published today (Richard Ford writes). The Prison Reform Trust, whose next chairman is to be the former Tory Home Secre-tary Lord Hurd, is urging that anyone held in custody before a court hearing that finds in their favour should claim for loss of earnings, job prospects housing. They should also be allowed to claim compensation for stress.

said that it intends to reform the law, in England and Wales, and will publish a draft Bill in a consultation paper later this year. Lord Williams of Mostyn, a junior Home Office Minister, announced the proposals in a parliamen-tary answer in which he said that views would be sought on some of the "difficult issues around the technical legal issues" such as definitions of

and comprehensible form." The law was far-reaching, covering every kind of assault that did not result in death, he added. "The problem is that the old law does not deal with modern situations and through its unclear, outdated language, causes serious problems with cases having to go all the way to the House of Lords for clarification."

recklessness

Lord Williams said the Gov-

ernment was also to consider

whether there should be a new

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In its original report the

Law Commission proposed

that the IS61 Act be repealed

and replaced by a Criminal

Law Bill that would contain new range of offences in

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causing serious injury; reck-

lessly causing serious injury;

and intentionally or recklessly

causing injury. The Bill would

redefine in contemporary

language offences such as

torture and abduction and

could also extend to stalking

Stephen Silber, QC, a law

commissioner in charge of the

reform of the criminal law,

said: "This would be a very

major reform indeed, which

would be of enormous value

and we welcome the Govern-

ment's commitment. Our pro-

posals represent an attempt to

modernise the law so it is

written in a comprehensive

and harassment.

intoxication.

At the time of the report, which was the result of almost 20 years' work, Sir Henry said: "I make no bones about it. The criminal law of this country in this field is a disgrace." If the commission's proposals were accepted, he said, they would make the administration of the criminal law much easier and save a "great number of people going to prison unnecessarily and save a great deal of costs and

A law that was muddled, irrational, unclear or difficult to apply was likely to produce injustice, the commission said.



Common purpose: local people and peace protesters liberated the site yesterday



Peace at last as Greenham fence is pulled down

WOMEN who once were imprisoned for protesting against nuclear missiles helped to tear down the fence at Greenham Common

yesterday.
At the height of the peace protests up to 50,000 women clashed with security guards and police at the United States Air Force base. Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary at the time, said that they risked been shot if they breached the fence.

Yesterday there were no guns or guards as the old campaigners joined local people to liberate the 800acre site and return it to common land. There were cheers and an air of celebration as families gathered, many with picnics, to cut and pull down the 8ft ring of wire.

The cruise missiles were removed in 1991, after the US and the USSR signed an arms control treaty, and the USAF left a year later. The land was sold back to Newbury council and a local trust early this year.

For some, however, the battle of Greenham is not yet over. Jean Hutchinson, 64, a peace protester who was failed nine times during the 1980s, said: "We were determined to rid this common of the missiles but we still need to protect it from overdevelopment. We are still fighting to protect the common for the people. It is the lung of Newbury."

Jean Gardner, chairman of

"This is an historic day for the people of Newbury as wetake the first step to returning the common to them."

Already, 600,000 tonnes of concrete has been dug up and used for the Newbury bypass. The only structures that will continue to belong to the Ministry of Defence are the earth-covered silos built to house the missiles. They must remain open for inspection until 2006 under a cold war arms control treaty.

The site, a military airfield since 1941, was sold to the council and the trust for £7 million. Part of it is an industrial estate and the giant hangars are used for such things as go-kart racing.

There is still a small peace camp outside the site, protesting against environmental and military issues.

Some local people shouted at the peace protesters who returned yesterday. Chris Austin, chairman of the Commoners' Association, said: "Their battle was over long ago. It is a shame that this day has been hijacked by people who don't know when to go home."

But for most of the crowds who walked onto the land for the first time in more than 50 years, it was a moment to look ahead. David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat MP for Newbury, who helped to pull down the fence, said; "It is a great celebration. What has peen used for the purpose of war will now be used for the

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Lifeboat appeal launch

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fall in income from legacies. Each lifeboat station will be made available for "adoption" for £20,000 and minimum donations of £500 a year company are being invited. In return, where a funding pack-

have its name on a plaque. The call to business for £5 million over five years will be made in London this week to meet the cost of training the crews who man the RNU's 300 lifeboats at 219 stations around the coast. Income from legacies is expected to fall as people live longer and spend



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Blair's block on bishop may lead to church crisis

THE Prime Minister's rejec-tion of the Church of England's two candidates to succeed the Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liver-pool, could strengthen calls for disestablishment. Church leaders are angry

that Tony Blair has taken advantage of his right to reject the candidates chosen by the Crown Appointments Commission for the leading bishopric. Bishop Sheppard retires at the end of this month.

Although neither of the candidates, one an archdeacon and the other a bishop from the South East who is a friend of the Archbishop of Canter-bury, Dr George Carey, was among those favoured by the Liverpool diocese, insiders still fear that Mr Blair's intervention set a "dangerous precedent".

Mr Blair's refusal to accept the two names has strengthened support for advocates of disestablishment such as the Right Rev Colin Buchanan. assistant bishop in the Southwark diocese, who has until now been considered something of lone voice. Although support for disestablishment

Ruth Gledhill

reports on how

an unusual veto could provoke

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disestablishment is significant that some senior

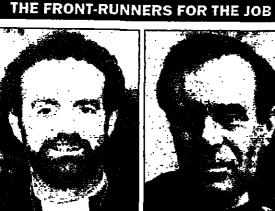
think along such lines.
A senior church source said: The Church should not be listening to what the people or what new Labour wants it to do, but what God wants of it. That is what we are missing out on at the moment. Many people believe establishment is weighing the Church down more now than probably at with the millennium ap-

proaching, more questions are

being asked than ever before

about the role of the Church.

The Roman Catholic Church is seen to be scoring heavily,





Bishops Jones of Hull and McCulloch of Wakefield

THE two favourites for the Bishopric of Liverpool are the Right Rev James Jones, 49, Bishop of Hull, and the Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, 55, Bishop of Wakefield, Neither was selected by the appointments commission. Bishop Jones is a gospel-based evangelical, and an outspoken supporter of traditional values. He is a first-class speaker and is certainly headed, for high places in the Church Church sources consider it extraordinary that his name was not put forward.

Bishop McCulloch, also an evangelical, has the reputation of being politically astute. It is possible that that the Church has him in mind to bead the Diocese of Southwark upon the inent retirement of the Right Rev Robert Willia

The commission was set up in 1977 to consider vacancies for diocesan bishops. At each meeting the chair is taken by the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Archbishop of York, depending on where the va-cancy arises. Its members are

made up of local and national church representative, as well as John Holroyd, the Printe- Minister's appointments secretary.
Two names are selected.

usually in order of preference, and the Prime Minister then hishops are now beginning to selects one to submit to the Queen for approval. He may, however, reject both and ask for others to be submitted, although it is possible that the commission would then resubmit the same names, leading to a stalemate.

Baroness Thatcher is believed to have rejected the first choice on several occasions during her time in office, but never both candidates.

A church spokesman said that the Liverpool diocese was "looking for someone able to carry on the teamwork which was such a feature of the ministry of Bishop Sheppard and the late Roman Catholic Archbishop, the Most Rev Derek Worlock. The diocese would like to have another leader who, like Bishop Sheppard, prime architect of the recent influential church report on unemployment, will be articulate on issues of employment. housing and deprivation.

Parallel with the Church's concerns, are those of a Government that is lamenting the loss of many heavyweights from the bench of bishops within a few years. Recent Jenkins from Durham, Andrew Graham from Newcastle, David Lunn from Sheffield, and Michael

Baughen from Chester.
They were all bigger than bishops," one source said. Some of the appointments that have been put into place since then are regarded as dismal, both inside and outside the Church. There is a lurch towards the evangelical, but ture and the intellectual capabilities of these retired men."



Richard Dee with the pineapple grown by 18th-century methods. "We shovelled a lot of manure before we worked it out," he said

Gardener finds success in a heap of dung

THREE years of hard and smelly labour restoring the world's only surviving 18th century garden hotbed has produced the first crop of pineapples to be grown by traditional methods this century.

the Lost Gardens of Heligan is warm enough to allow the plants to ripen is several hundred tonnes of rotting horse manage. Heat generated by the decomposing dung alone is enough to ensure the tropical plants can survive

Richard Dee, the head gardener, believes that the fruits are the first to be grown by this method since the early Victorian era. He said: "Pineapples were grown in this way in the 1700s and it has been very difficult to recreate the conditions. There are plenty of old books telling you how to grow the plants, but there was no

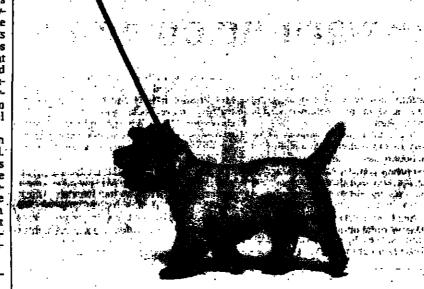
record of how to set up an operating manure hothed. We tried a number of different recipes and we shovelled a lot of manure before we worked it out.

You need horse manure with a lot of straw in it - nothing else will do. We get ours from a large riding should be ripe in three to school." It has taken three years to get the plants, the original 18th species and the Prince of Wales.

record of how to create the hotbeds out of manure.

That was regarded as common knowledge. So we were left with no recently restored to their former glory.

The 50ft hotbed has about 100 plants, with 30 producing fruit this season. Mr Dee said: "We had a terrible job getting them through the first couple of winters but the first fruit should be ripe in three to four weeks." They will be sent as gifts to the Queen



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EU urged to save skylark

WILDLIFE specialists travel to Brussels today to plead for an end to farming practices that have virtually wiped out bird populations and threaten the national anthem of the British countryside.

The skylark and the lapand sounds that inspired poets, painters and musicians, have increasingly been killed by pesticides and ploughing programmes backed by the common agricultural policy.

Society for the Protection of Birds will tell Franz Fischler. uing fall in Europe's bird populations signals the need for environmentally friendly CAP reforms. The society says

Agricultural policies have been blamed for forcing farmwhere skylarks usually nest. Other bird species under threat include bittern, black grouse, capercaillie, hen harrier and grey partridge.

Barbara Young, chief execu want to support the Commis environment and rural dev-

the EU's plans for reversing wing, once common sights the decline in the numbers of skylarks, which have more than halved in the past 20 years, are too weak. Intensive destroyed their diet, which consists mainly of insects. not marginal afterthoughts.

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Devolution will end 'jobs for boys' selection system

A SYSTEM of vetting all Labour candidates for the Scottish parliament and the proposed Welsh assembly will be a model for Labour parliamentary candidates.

The new selection method will answer those who say that the 60 assembly seats would be filled automatically by Labour councillors or people on the "who you know" network.

By the same token, the Labour leadership has wanted for some time to exert greater control on selection of parliamentary candidates. At the moment they are able to influence only constituency parties who are involved in byelections. A sub-committee of Labour's National Executive Committee draws up a list of suitable candidates which it then submits to the local party.

As the final push to secure a "yes" vote in the Welsh referendum on Thursday began last night, senior ministers made clear that they were looking for the "brightest and best" people to be members of the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Assembly. They confirmed that the new selection methods would be a blueprint for all future sifting of candidates who wish to be Labour MPs.

Details of the plan to recruit high flyers might help Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary. in his final appeal to secure a convincing "yes" vote for devolution. There would be 60 assembly seats, 40 from consti-

If Wales votes ves', Labour will

vet all political candidates,

Valerie Ellliott

reports

tuencies and 20 chosen by proportional representation.

One Labour source said: The principle of setting up a panel of approved candidates will be established. In the past we have tried to exclude people because of fears of entryism, but all that is history. The party will now have to open up its procedures and let new people in."

Mr Davies has stated that his vision of a Welsh Assembly is to create an open. pluralistic and tolerant democracy in Wales.

As the referendum day approaches Welsh Labour MPs who are sceptical of devolution face threats of deselection by their local parties. One of them who did not wish to be named described the scaremongering as "arrant nonsense", but he said that he suspected the Labour leadership might be lining them up as scapegoats in case the vote went against the Government.

The Labour MPs who have

Welsh Assembly are Sir Ray Powell (Ogmare). Llew Smith (Blaenau, Gwent), Alan Williams (Swansea West) and Allan Rogers (Rhondda). A fifth, Denzil Davies (LLanelli) has vehemently criticised the proposals but has not said now he will vote.

The nervousness about the outcome of the Welsh vote is reflected in the level of activity by senior ministers, led by Tony Blair, in South and North Wales this week.

A triumphant Donald Dew ar, the Scottish Secretary, was in Cardiff yesterday to boost momentum for the Welsh campaign. But he vehemently denied that his objective was to "bounce" the Welsh people into a copycat vote.

"I believe people will vote 'yes' on Thursday and in large here to ask Wales for a copycat vote. It is a decision for Wales, but what happened in Scotland symbolises public sup-port behind modernising the British constitution."

The "just say no" campaign yesterday criticised the Government's strongarm tactics and accused ministers of "bullying" the Welsh people into submission. A spokesman said: "It is disgracefdul that the Labour Party are sending in the likes of Donald Dewar and other English and Scottish MPs and activists from outside Wales to try to bully the people of Wales."



Democrat leader, also warned members of the Government that they should not be "arrogant and complacent" over the Weish referendum re-

Paddy Ashdown, the Liber- sult. "The Welsh are not going to be told what to do," he said. Ministers are particularly anxious about a poll to be released tonight by HTV which they hope will show a

convincing spurt in the "yes vote. Last week an ICM poll for The Guardian showed just 37 per cent in favour, 36 per cent against and a significant

Sex offenders miss deadline to report for new register

BY A STAFF REPORTER

sex offenders have missed a Home Office deadline to register at police stations under new laws. An estimated 700, including rapists and paedophiles, failed to report by midnight last night as stipulated by the Sex Offenders Act 1997.

The Association of Chief Police Officers said yester-day that manhunts would not be launched until offenders actively dodging the reg-ister could be distinguished from those still unaware of its existence. Many of those who did not comply had yet to be contacted and told of their legal obligation. Others had delayed due to illiteracy or confusion.

Failure to register - either by post or in person carries a maximum sentence of a £5,000 fine and/or six months' imprisonment. Analysis of criminal records on the police national computer indicated 1,390 offenders should have registered by September 14.

A Home Office spokes-woman said it was too soon to conclude that half had not registered since offenders were still coming forward yesterday. She said it would take another two weeks to confirm the total.

Tony Butler, chief constable of Gloucestershire, who advised the Home Office on setting up the database, said the point of the legislation was to keep track of sex offenders, not prosecute them for non-compliance.

"Police are not going to rush out in vans looking for those who missed the deadline. It's still too soon to see where we are. We should wait and take stock, though I'm sure there will be prosecutions for non-compliance eventually."

He warned against trying to guess compliance rates before the deadline closed in case it undermined public confidence in the legislation. Paul Cavadino, Principal Officer of the National Associ-

HUNDREDS of convicted ation for the Care and appealed to police to exercise common sense in applying the new law. Those who have not yet

registered will range from devious offenders who are deliberately avoiding registration to inadequate individuals who have not yet organised themselves to complete the registration

Mr Cavadino urged Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to ignore the Police Superintendents' Association tomorrow when it asks him to post on the Internet the identities. of those who have not

registered.
Publishing a wanted of fender's name and details is often done after an offence: when the police are trying to apprehend them. In some individual cases this could be justified to help track down offenders wanted for the offence of nonregistration.

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But the wholesale publication of these offenders names and photographs on the internet would be a dangerous knee jerk reac

Publishing their names would be provide an even greater incentive for offenders to change their names and go underground. It would also be an openinvitation to vigilante



Chief Constable Tony Butler: "We'll wait"

Unions and Left issue warning on new pay limits

By James Landale POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Government will this week face fierce opposition from unions and Labour leftwingers when it publishes its plans to freeze the public sector pay bill. Ministers will be told such a move would be "completely unacceptable" at a time when members of the Cabinet are set to receive salary increases of £20,000

The looming row, revealed in Saturday's Times, will be a key test for the Government, which has pledged to stick to the Tories' tight spending limits for two years. Treasury officials yesterday re-

fused to confirm that Alistair Darling, the Chief Secretary, would recommend a pay increase of about three per cent when he presented the Government's economic evidence to the pay review bodies this insisted, however, that any rises for Britain's 1.3 million public sector workers would have to be funded from savings within each

À spokesman said: "The Government is committed to putting public

finances on a sound footing and to keeping the total public spending within existing plans. Pay increases will need to be contained within these plans."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secre-tary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, warned, however: Some kind of industrial action can't be ruled out if teachers are going to be pushed down year after year. Stephen Byers, the Education

Minister, condemned him for threatening strikes. Speaking on GMTV's Sunday programme, Mr Byers said

that Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, had pledged an extra £1 billion for education in his Budget for more teachers, more books and smaller class sizes. "Those have got to be the priorities," he said. "We shouldn't be spending it on a 10 per cent pay increase for teachers."

Paul Flynn, Labour MP for Newport West, said many MPs would not be able to accept an indefensible pay freeze. "There are a large number of MPs that are going to go ape over this," he said.

The British Medical Association is this week expected to demand up to

50 per cent pay increases. Nurses, midwives and other health workers want rises of about 20 per cent_

The Senior Salaries Review Body recommended in July 1996 that the salaries of Cabinet ministers should rise from £87,851 to £105,060, with the Prime Minister's salary rising from £102.417 to £145,860. However, the Labour Cabinet agreed to defer the rises for a year until April 1998. Nigel Evans, the Tory constitu-

tional affairs spokesman, said: "The ministers' pay rise is the clearest example yet of Labour rank

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France to reveal Vichy's wartime secrets

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French Government has archives of other countries, agreed to grant historians greater access to its wartime state archives, including details of co-operation between French officials and the Gestapo, in a move reversing decades of official secrecy.

Lionel Jospin, the Prime Minister. told Henri Hadjenberg, the leader of France's Jewish community, that he would be that he would issue a circular to state archivists instructing them to allow access to the most sensitive state records, notably those of the police and diplomatic service under the collaborationist Vichy regime between 1940 and 1944.

The ruling, expected to go into force immediately, comes three weeks before the opening of the trial of Maurice Papon, the former Vichy bureaucrat charged with crimes against humanity for allegedly deporting 1,560 Jews to Nazi death camps during the Second World War.

Under current French law, top-secret archives should remain sealed until 60 years after the events, which would mean that the most crucial documents relating to French collaboration and the resistance movement would not be available until after 2000.

M Jospin's decision preempts a French parliamentary debate on changing the secre-cy laws and signals a sharp departure from previous government policy. The late President Mitterrand admitted that details of alleged collaboration had been hushed up and legal cases delayed in the interests of preserving what he called

At least 75,000 Jews were deported to Nazi concentration camps with the complicity of French officials.

During a meeting with M Jospin last week, M Hadjenberg, the head of the Jewish umbrella group Crif, told him: "It is important to know, finally, what our archives contain. We should not discover our own history through the such as the United States." Earlier this year the French

Government promised to draw up a full account of property and artworks pillaged from Jews under the Vichy regime, and another commission is investigating alegations that property owned by the city of Paris may have been stolen from Holocaust victims.

The decision to throw open the state archives is likely to have a direct bearing on the Papon case, which opens on October 8 in Bordeaux.

M Papon, 87, who went on to become Economics Minis-ter, is accused of playing a crucial role in the deportation of Jews as secretary-general of the Gironde region between 1942 and 1944.

"The new order directly concerns lawyers working on the Papon case. Previously offlimits documents will now be made available to them, and much more quickly," a spokesman for Crif said. M Papon's lawyers say he is the innocent victim of a historical lynch mob determined to find a scapegoat for one of the darkest periods in French history.

In an interview with a history journal published to-day, M Papon said he was the "selected victim" of a "plor". He said the trial's outcome was "a foregone conclusion". Soon after he was elected in

1995, President Chirac sig-nalled that the taboo on the Vichy years would be lifted when he publicly admitted that horrendous crimes had been committed by French

The policy of openness has been accelerated by M Jospin, who has promised to allow historians to compile "a complete picture of this period."

The change in the secrecy laws is also expected to open up access to records of other periods in recent history, such as the Algerian war of independence and the role of France in Indochina.

Rail crash and oil refinery fire kill 54 in India

By Our Foreign Staff

AT LEAST 36 people died yesterday and about 200 were injured when five carriages of a train plunged from a bridge into a river in central India. police said.

In a separate accident 18 people were killed in a fire at an oil refinery in the south of the country.

The express train carriages fell into the river near Champa in the east of Madhya Pradesh state. There was no immediate indication of the cause of the accident, police said.

The oil refinery fire swept through storage tanks, killing workers and forcing 70,000 people to flee their homes near the site, authorities said.

The fire at the refinery owned by the state-run Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd in a the south-eastern port of the south-eastern port of Visakhapatam engulfed 16 storage tanks. The blaze was still burning more than 15 hours after a leaking pipeline set off an explosion that triggered the fire, sending huge plumes of smoke over the

coastal region.

The explosion that started the fire could be heard for miles around the refinery, and the blaze sent flames 1,000ft into the air, witnesses said.



"Black rain began to fall," a local resident said. "The acid in the air burned my eyes and

throat." Firefighting teams from the Indian Navy, and two firms located nearby, Andhra Pradesh Petrochemicals and Coromandel Fertilisers, had been deployed and were continuously hosing down the storage tanks, the refinery manager

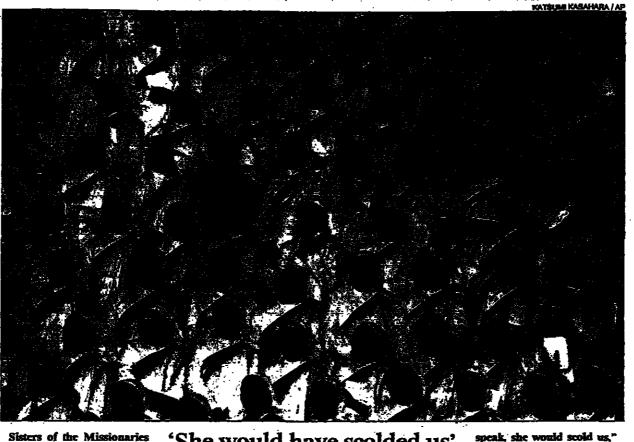
Firefighting experts were rushing from Bombay and the authorities were sending more foam from Hyderabad to fight the fire. A spokesman said the refinery, which has an annual production capacity of 4.5 million tonnes of petroleum products, had not caught fire and was safe.

In earlier reports of the railway accident, United News of India said that about 100 passengers were feared to have been killed. It said the five carriages were behind the engine and that one of them

was totally smashed. The Press Trust of India said four compartments carrying about 300 passengers and a cargo carriage plunged into the Hansdev River in the late afternoon.

The accident was the latest to hit India's railways, which cover a network spread over 39,321 miles. In August 1995, at least 350 people were killed in one of India's worst train crashes. Two trains collided in Uttar Pradesh state near the town of Ferozabad, 125 miles from New Delhi, in an accident blamed on human error. According to government

figures, 594 people died in 398 accidents in the year up to the end of March, compared with 305 deaths in 501 accidents the previous year.



of Charity in prayer during the funeral Mass for Mother Teresa, the founder of their order, at the Netaji Indoor Stadium in Calcutta on Saturday. Mother Teresa's state funeral meant that, in death, unlike in life, she failed to 'She would have scolded us'

have her own way (Christolived by a vow of poverty and would have been appalled by her lavish funeral. She

ried to her grave on a gun carriage and be honoured with volleys of rifle fire by soldiers of the Gurkha Regi-

said the priest at St Thomas's Church in central Calcutta where she lay in state. Even Mother Teresa's grave. at her order's Mother House, was not the one she

Mother Teresa could be made an 'instant saint'

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

PRESSURE is building up within the Roman Catholic hierarchy for Mother Teresa to be made a saint through "popular acclamation", a proredure that has not been used since medieval times.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, said last week that although nor-mal procedures had to be observed, they could be speed-ed in Mother Teresa's case.

The day after her death. Pope John Paul II described Mother Teresa as an extraordinary person of unwavering faith who had "marked the history of the 20th century ... she made those who had been defeated by life feel the tenderness of God".

A candidate for beatification and the title "Blessed" is considered by a Vatican commission in a lengthy inquiry after being proposed by his or her local prelate. The candidate has to have performed at least one miracle, often a medical recovery which doctors are unable to explain and which apparently has been

achieved through the candidate's prayers of intercession. Canonisation requires further exhaustive investigation and at least one more miracle. The system, administered by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, a Vancan body, was streamlined in the: 18th century by Pope Benedict XIV and revised again in 1983 by the present Pope, who decreed that the bearification process can begin five years after death and canonisation

ten years after death. However, some senior bishops have suggested that because Mother Teresa is "obviously already a saint", she should be beatified and even canonised immediately.

Mgr Sandro Maggiolini. Bishop of Como, told Carriere della Sera: "At the very least Mother Teresa could be beatified swiftly, certainly in time for the millennium." As for the need for a miracle. Mother Teresa's ability to touch the hearts of everyone on earth with her purity and flawless simplicity was already mir-

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Hamburg sceptical voters pose threat to Kohl on single currency

amburg is the most English of German cities, proud of its garden parties and Burberrys' trencheoats. It is appropriate then that Hamburg is also the city-state most willing to tackle British arguments about Europe.

While Britain is now debating Europe with unusual. even eerie, calm, the Germans are in a frenzy, counting the days before the mark is garrotted. Yet so far this year only in Hamburg, whice faces local elections next week, has the Kohl case for a lenged on the stump. Henning Voscherau, the Social



BY ROGER BOYES

secure his majority with an appeal for a national referendum on the euro.

volves only Hamburg, it is is on the euro. Herr Voschseen as a litmus test for Helmut Kohl's increasingly frayed Government in Bonn. Certainly, Herr Voscherau's campaign strategy will be a pointer for next year's general elections — the voting will show how the public responds when Social Democrats occupy traditionally conservative positions. Herr Voscherau is beating the law and order drum, urging a crackdown on foreign criminals the port's drug trade is

So far the Chancellor has not been pelted with herring, though he knows that Hamburg is committed to the Social Democrats. But unless he has completely lost his political nose, he must sense run by Kurds and Kosovo that the mood is turning on Albanians. The most popular the euro; and not only in figure in town is a judge who Hamburg. His speechwriters wants to bring back hanging. have long since dropped the assertion that the punctual

erau knows as well as most

German politicians that it

would be virtually impossible

to organise a referendum on

the euro: the whole weight of

the Constitution is against

referendums. Herr Kohl has

ruled out such a popular vote.

ion is a matter of war or peace for the Continent. Now the euro is presented as the linchpin of the single market. Hamburg traders do not find this persuasive. Indeed, the man most likely to take the Government to the Constitutional Court on the euro the formidable central banker, Wilhelm Nölling — is a

The Hamburg election is important on several scores. The Government will find out whether its dismal popularity ratings over the past 18 months reflect a serious erosion of

Hamburger.

introduction of monetary un- support. The Free Democrats. Herr Kohl's partner in Bonn, are trying desperately to re-enter the Hamburg parliament The Greens, confident of 15 per cent of the vote. believe they are destined to share power with the Social Democrats in Hamburg and. next vear, in Bonn.

Herr Voscherau is expected to do reasonably well on Sunday. If he does, that will nudge his party into accept-ing Gerhard Schröder, Lower Saxony's Prime Minister, as its official challenger to Herr Kohl. Herr Schröder, like Herr Voscherau, is tough on crime and in favour of a controlled delay for the euro.

ped as a finance minister in a Schröder Cabinet after Herr Kohl is toppled.

ther smoke signals coming from Christian Democrat party headquarters have been reinforced by the Hamburg campaign: increasingly, the survival of the euro is being linked with the survival of Herr Kohl. For reporters on a wine-tasting jaunt with the Chancellor last Friday, two observations stood out first, the leader has lost his Buddha-like calm; and secondly. given the failure of his tax reforms and other modernnothing left but the euro. That raises an intriguing

question for the Christian Democrats what is more important for the party, Herr Kohl or the curo? If the Chancellor retains his election-winning magic, then he must take precedence over

the unpopular euro. Nothing, it is reasoned, could be worse for monetary union than a punctual but. unsteady start, followed by a bitter dispute in Germany, and the fall of its architect. That is why a little election in Hamburg next Sunday has suddenly become extremely:

Euro pact adds to pressure for British decision

From Charles Bremner in mondorf, luxembourg

PRESSURE has increased on Britain to decide its intentions towards the European single Union finance ministers decided to speed the calendar and fix exchange rates among the currencies that embrace the euro next May rather than the start of 1999.

"The British Government is going to have to come off the fence and start some hard planning," a senior continental official said after Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, with the EU's 14 other finance chiefs, agreed on Saturday to what they hailed as a signal of confidence in the monetary

Mr Brown, who has promised Britain's best efforts in helping to ensure a successful launch for the euro, would not be drawn on the Government's thinking for the pound. He wanted to "make people aware of the effects of the single currency" and ensure that the business world was fully prepared for the euro, Mr Brown said. The ouestion of possible British membership would be decided only after applying tests of the euro's impact on jobs, investment and other factors, he said, repeating the position fixed in the general election

campaign. However, a clearer British policy is becoming more urgent as the likelihood of the euro's punctual 1999 launch increases, EU officials say. The feeling that the euro may be on the home stretch is being strengthened by signs that economic recovery will enable France and Germany as well as at least half a dozen other states to meet the Maastricht criteria for gaining entry. Ministers and officials used the session in the Luxembourg resort town of Mondorf to attack those in Germany and elsewhere who were advocating delay. "Delay? That sub-

6 The Cabinet is going to have to come off the

fence and start some hard planning **9**

iect is closed. Nobody talks about it any more," said Philippe Maystadt, the Belgian Finance Minister.

Some EU officials are speculating that Britain could consider an option to join monetary union soon after the notes and coins of the future euro enter circulation in 2002. Britain is due to tell the EU by the end of the year whether it wants to join the currency at its scheduled launch on January I, 1999. British membership at the outset is deemed extremely unlikely, given the political heat over the issue in Britain and the Government's commitment to a referendum. As holder of the six-month EU presidency from January. Britain will be running the proceedings as the euro club is chosen next May.

While French, German and

other ministers at Mondorf depicted their accord as proof of their confidence in the euro. there was little triumphalism the air. France and Germany failed to resolve a dispute that goes to the heart of the future management of the euro: Paris wants to set up a body to apply political management to the euro zone. to balance the power of the European central bank. Britain sided with the majority that backs Germany's view that no new forum is needed.

The stability of the financial markets was the aim of the decision to bring forward the timing on fixing exchange rates. The future exchange rates among all the participating currencies will be set at the same time as the founding euro members are chosen in early May. Hans Tietmeyer, President of the German Bundesbank, said: "From the time of that announcement we will de facto have a piece of monetary union in place ... The earlier announcement is a political signal that gives sec-



Muslims wait to vote at a sports centre near Sarajevo yesterday on the second day of Bosnia's municipal polls

Croats obstruct Bosnian elections

FROM TOM WALKER IN DRVAR

CANADIAN and British Nato troops provided food and blankets for hundreds of Serb refugee voters forced to spend a freezing night on a mountain above their former hometown ties obstructed Bosnian muelections at the

Mile Marceta, the leader of almost 2,000 Serbs who eventually voted in Drvar, in the valley 1,500ft below, vowed that the town would be wrest-

ed from Croat control. Municipal elections have given Bosnians the chance to choose town councils in their pre-war homes. But the Croats, significantly less numerous than their Serb and Muslim neighbours, stand to loose territory abandoned a total boycott of the polls at the eleventh hour.

Far in the Bosnian northwest, Drvar's 17,000 Serbs were replaced in 1995 by a deeply alienated population of 10,000 Croats - themselves

displaced from central Bosnia.

Their leader, the town's deputy mayor, a Bosnian Croat army veteran and chairman of the nationalist HDZ party. was in no mood to welcome Mr Marceta. "It will always be the Croatian army in control here," said Drago way until the next war. No Serbs will come back until we Croats can go back to our

homes. Unfortunately for the Serb voters, Mr Tokmakdjija's brother was in charge of their polling station. Many, who

had travelled eight hours by bus then waited another eight. were rejected on the grounds of outdated documents.

Late on Saturday President Clinton's special envoy, Robert Gelbard, flew to the town "We won't stand for it, it's

the Serbs," he said. With many of its former Serb residents voting by absentee ballot, the Croats are almost certain to lose control of Drvar. Whether the town council will sit, however, is

Right poised to gain in Norway election

FROM ALISTER DOYLE

NORWAY faces a cliff-hanger election today with final opinion polls showing the Labour Party unsure of keeping its grip on power after a campaign focused on what is to be. done with the country's vast North Sea oil wealth.

Polling booths in some areas opened yesterday. The farright Progress Party is likely to make the biggest gains on a platform of increased pension and health spending, and stricter immigration controls.

Thorbjoern Jagland, the Prime Minister, has insisted that his minority Labour Government will resign if it fails to get 36.9 per cent of the vote, the support Labour won at the last election in 1993. Two opinion polls yesterday showed he was uncertain of reaching that target, even though analysts say there is no clear alternative and Labour may have to stay on even if it falls short.

An MMI survey for the daily Dagbladet put Labour at 40 per cent. An Opinion AS poll for Aftenposten showed it with 34.4 per cent.

Mr Jagland, 46. made a final appeal with a newspaper employment at 3.5 per cent. one of the lowest levels in Енторе.

Under Labour, Norway has started saving some of the oil revenues but the Progress Party wants more spending now. (Reuters)

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French Right rocked by row over Elvis

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FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A MOST unlikely ideological split has erupted within the ranks of the French National Front over the life and legacy of Elvis Presley, who is seen as an icon by some extreme right-wingers and a hound dog by others.

Utterly contrasting views of "The King emerged this month in two of the principal National Front journals after the anniversary of the rock star's

Jean-Emile Neaumet, writing in Agir, the monthly National Front youth magazine, depicted Presley as a decrepit and talentless hypocrite and an example of American moral corrup-

tion who deserved to be forgotten. "America was built on land stolen from the Indians. Elvis was built on music stolen from the blacks ... Elvis was the incarnation of good health. He died weighing 20 stone. Elvis publicly condemned drugs. He spent half his life shooting up. Elvis said he loved the army. He spent his military service in night clubs," M Neaumet wrote. The author's advice to young members of the National Front "Real rockers don't like Elvis. They prefer Eddie Cochran and Gene Vincent

However, Français d'Abord | French First, the newsletter of Jean-Marie Le Pen, the National Front leader, struck a very different note, pointing out that Elvis. "a great artist", was representative of everything disliked by the Left, and should thus be applauded by the

extreme Right. The writer, P.R., whose real identity the National Front will not reveal, said emphatically: "Elvis was the voice of true America, white and conservative, which the cosmopolitan types did not

like. That is why we love Elvis." M Le Pen, who was pelted with eggs during a visit to the National Frontrun town of Vitrolles last week, has yet to declare the party's official line on The King, but, given the deepening dispute, he is unlikely to swap Joan of Arc for Elvis Presley as the National Front mascot in the near future.



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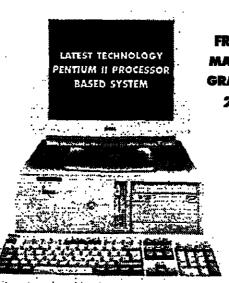
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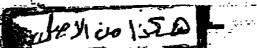
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Vows to avenge 'martyred' son TWO Israeli soldiers were ambushed and killed in south Lebanon yesterday in revenge for the deaths on Friday of Hadi Nasrallah. 18, the son of the Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, and three other guerrillas.

In Beirut Sheikh Nasrallah, the Hezbollah Secretary-General, thanked God for the death of his son. "I thank Allah for making him a martyr. he told supporters. We will make peace in this region with our pistols and the pieces of our bodies. There will be no peace with occupiers." He promised "incessant war against terrorism in the region, and Israel is terrorism",

Thousands of tearful Hezbollah supporters raised their lists and chanted as Sheikh Nasrallah told them: "My sun the martyr chose this road by his own will,"

Earlier, Israel declared a security alert along the whole of its northern border in anticipation of retaliation after it confirmed that the body of Hadi Nasrallah was being taken back to Israeli Israeli officers and troops tried to restrain the gleeful reaction among their Lebanese Christian allies in south Lebanon to news of the death. Ecstatic Christians fired thousands of rounds into the air and let off fireworks in celebration of the

The Hezbollah men were

killed just inside the Israeloccupied security zone in south Lebanon in a battle with Israeli forces. Six Lebanese Army soldiers and a civilian were killed soon afterwards in

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

an Israeli helicopter raid. A senior Israeli officer was unrepentant yesterday, warning the 50,000-strong Lebanese Army that if it interfered on the side of Hezbollah it would be attacked. Friday's battle was the second time in two weeks that clashes between Israel and regular Lebanese forces had been reported.

The increasing predictions from Israeli commentators that the Jewish state is rapidly heading for a new confrontation with the Palestinians, and perhaps with the wider Arab world, dampened attempts by



Nasrallah: gave thanks

the Labour opposition to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the signing of the 1993 peace agreement between Israel and the PLO. Fewer than 12,000 Israelis attended a rally in Tel Aviv to mark the anniversary which was attended by Shimon Peres, the former Labour Party leader, and his successor as leader of Israel's main

opposition party, Ehud Barak. "Netanyahu's policies are leading us on the path of Bosnia and Belfast," Mr Barak, a former Chief of Staff. told the crowd carrying banners declaring 'Save The However, Binyamin Netan-

yahu, the Prime Minister, said

yesterday that Israel would transfer to the PLO more of the funds it withheld after suicide bombings in Jerusalem in July, his office said. He was quoted as saying that the funds would be transferred because Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority President, had promised Washington that he would attack the infrastructure of Islamic militant in areas under his control. ☐ Tennis boycott: Israel's increasing isolation in the Arab world was highlighted by an announcement that Morocco's Davis Cup tennis team has refused to play in Jerusalem. The Rabat tennis authorities decided to pull out of the encounter, leaving Israel the



Hadi Nasrallah, son of the Hezbollah leader, killed in a clash with Israelis

London journalists sentenced to jail in Mubarak libel case

By Michael Binyon DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A CAIRO Court has sentenced the editor-in-chief of a London-based Arabic newspaper to a year in prison with hard labour for defaming President Mubarak's two sons.

Osman al-Omeir, who edits the Saudi-owned paper Al-Sharq al-

Awsat, and the Saudi publishers, also given a year's imprisonment Hisham and Muhammad Ali Hafez, were also ordered to pay £4,000 by the court for announcing in an advertisement in May that a sister publication would implicate Gamal and Alaa Mubarak in corruption. The paper did not publish the story,

but the brothers sued for libel. Two Egyptians on the paper were and fined. The five senior executives were sentenced in absentia. The author of the article, Sayyed Abdel Ati, was sentenced to six months in prison, with a £3,000 fine.

Mr al-Omeir said: "The sentence was unjust. Journalists in civilised countries should not be subject to jail sentences for what they write. We are

not criminals to be subjected to jail with hard labour."

Al-Sharq al-Awsat is one of the most respected and influential papers in the Middle East and is sent by satellite for printing in many countries.

The sentences will shock the Arab world and be seen as a blow for the region's press freedom. They come only a month after the Egyptian Government was accused by Article XIX, the London-based press freedom lobby group, of crushing free-dom of expression with legal and physical attacks on journalists, writers and intellectuals. It said that the Government was allowing religious institutions to censor cultural

WORLD IN BRIEF

Winnie 'happy for new Stompie trial'

Johannesburg: Winnie Madikizela-Mandela said yesterday that she would be "very happy" to face a fresh trial over the death of Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, a 14-year-old boy (Ray Kennedy writes).

President Mandela's former wife, whose six-year jail sentence for kidnapping and assaulting Seipei was reduced to a fine on appeal, was responding to claims by one of her former co-accused. Katiza Cebekhulu, who is in hiding in Britain and has claimed she stabbed Seipei. I have challenged Kariza Cebekhulu to come forward and stand trial. If this means a retrial I will be very happy," she said.

Briton among dead in Alps

Briançon: Four climbers were killed and five injured in a snow slip in the French Alps yesterday, at an altitude of 11,200ft in an area known as the Barre des Ecrins, rescue services said. Other climbers nearby were ordered out of the area by the police. In two other accidents in the Austrian Alps, an Austrian woman, 71, and a British man, 19, died on Saturday after falling into mountain streams, police in Innsbruck said. The dead Briton, from London, died near Schwaz, in the western Austrian Alps, after slipping on wet grass and falling 330ft. (AFP)

German plane crash kills 24

Bonn: A German military plane inherited from the former East German Army apparently crashed into the Atlantic off the coast of Angola, killing all 24 people on board. Volker Ruhe, the Defence Minister, said. Those presumed killed were 12 German marines, two of their spouses and 10 members of the flight crew. The Soviet-made Tupolev plane had been en route from Germany to Cape Town, where the marines were to have participated in a boat race marking the 75th anniversary of the South African Navy (AP)

Zimbabwe loan suspended

Harare: The World Bank has again suspended financial support to Zimbabwe, after President Mugabe's promise of an extravagent benefits package for guerrilla war veterans (Jan Raath writes). The bank said a \$62 million (£39 million) loan would not be disbursed "until a satisfactory resolution of the war veterans' payments has been reached". The veterans have demanded a reward for their role as Economic Outlook, page 43

Poland starts Nato talks

Poland will start negotiations with Nato in Brussels tomorrow that will lead to full membership of the alliance by 1999 (Michael Evans writes). Accession talks in Brussels will focus on the political and legal obligations involved in membership. As the talks begin, George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, will be in Warsaw to give Britain's full support for Poland's progress in the negotiations.

U2 concert caused deafness

Paris: A 34-year-old man who lost his hearing after standing too close to a loudspeaker at a concert by the Irish rock band U2 in Marseilles in 1993 has been awarded more than £20,000 (Ben Macintyre writes). A court in the city ruled the promoter was negligent after hearing that the man circumvented security barriers to get near to a giant speaker.

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Matador school a red rag to activists

By TUNKU VARADARAJAN

ANIMAL rights activists are trying to close Ameri-ca's only bullfighting school — where, instead of facing a raging bull, students armed with wooden swords fight an instructor waving a pair of horns and snorting loudly.

The Humane Society claims that although the Tauromachy, in San Diego, does not use real bulls, it nevertheless desensitises people to the "cruelty actually suffered by a bull in a ening to picket the school until the authorities re-

voke its licence. Real bulls are not used at the school because bullfighting is against the law in California.

The aim of the institution, run by Peter Romboldt and Coleman Cooney, is to prepare American matadors for proper buil-fighting schools in Mexico, where the sport thrives. The final examination, typically, is a mock contest with a hired heifer on a ranch in Tecate, across the

The Humane Society, argues that the academy violates the law — the absence of real bulls notwithstanding. Mr Rom-boldt and Mr Cooney are pawing the ground.

Clinton 'siding with Gaddafi' over landmines

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT CLINTON has been accused by a former senior adviser of siding with President Castro of Cuba and Libya's Colonel Gaddafi by failing to join the global fight against landmines.

George Stephanopoulos, who left the White House after the President's re-election last November, said Mr Clinton's inability to offer any American commitment to a comprehensive ban on landmines was a tacit surrender to the military and the forces of rogue states.

Predicting the unsuccessful adjournment of talks in Oslo this week on negotiations for a final treaty to be signed in Ottawa this December, the former aide said America's delay was to the detriment of the country's record on arms control.

"That's a terrible mistake, and the President is wrong not to push for a ban," said Mr Stephanopoulos in today's

"Aside from the Joint Chiefs [of Staff], the President is not in good company on this issue. Jesse Helms [the conservative Republican] is leading the fight against the treaty in the Senate. Abroad? The usual suspects: Russia and China, joined by rogue states like Iran, Iraq, Libya and Cuba. So it's Clinton, Castro, Gaddafi and Helms against the world." In what had appeared to be a reversal of policy last month. prompted in large part by publicity surrounding visits to

both Washington and Bosnia by Diana, the Princess of Wales, the White House announced its support in principle for the Canadian initiative calling for a treaty to outlaw all anti-personnel mines by the end of the year. But US negotiators, sent to

Oslo at the last minute, have been stalling talks on a settlement by trying to insert amendments that would preserve America's ability to use "smart mines", which selfdestruct within 48 hours, and to allow its forces to carry on employing "dumb" mines on the Korean peninsula.

Military chiefs in Washington have told the White House that landmines remained essential in safeguarding the lives of American troops in certain areas, particularly the demilitarised zone separating the two Koreas. "The President's silence is a

surrender to the military." said Mr Stephanopoulos, now a media pundit and teacher of political studies at Columbia University in New York.
The Joint Chiefs argue minimise the risk to US soldiers and marines in combat. But their case is flawed, and bipartisan congressional mathat favour a ban. There's huge public support too.

by Diana [Princess of Wales]." Mr Stephanopoulos said military planners had over-looked the fact that mines had killed 29 United Nations and Nato peacekeepers in Bosnia and wounded more than 250. Ten per cent of the casual-

ties in Somalia and the Gulf War were caused by mines and 64,000 US troops in Vietnam were either killed or injured by the weapons, 90 per cent of which were made in America or manufactured by the North Vietnamese with American components. ☐ Moscow: North Korea op-

poses American attempts to exclude the Korean peninsula from any worldwide ban on anti-personnel landmines, Pyongyang's Ambassador in Moscow said yesterday. "If you exclude the Korean

peninsula from the zone of application of a treaty on a complete ban on anti-personnel mines, then it would not be universal and comprehensive," the envoy, Son Song Pil, against a ban in order to said. (Reuters)



Katherine Shindle, 20, the new Miss America, splashes out after being crowned in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The former Miss Illinois's title is worth about £180,000

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Mexico marks 1847 American invasion

Mexico City: A mixture of pride and regret settled over Mexico at the weekend as the country commemorated the 150th anniversary of an American invasion that cost it more than half its territory.

The nation traditionally marks the Mexican-American War of 1847 on September 13, the day legend says six young military cadets fought to the death at a Mexico City fort

Mexicans often see the bravery of the cadets - known as the "Niños Heroes" -- against the overwhelming numerical superiority of the Americans as a symbolic blow to an enemy they have never been able to beat. They taught us

to overcome armed occupation and the mutilation of our territory," President Zedillo said at a ceremony marking the anniversary.

President Clinton laid a

wreath at a memorial to the cadets during his visit in May. But no US president has ever apologised for what historians now widely see as a war of expansion.

America forced Mexico to states of New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, most of California, half of Colorado and parts of Wyoming, Oklahoma and Kansas. The war's legacy still affects US-Mexican relations on issues such as Cuba, with which Mexico maintains links. (AP)

Paula Jones 'targeted for tax audit'

FROM TOM RHODES

PAULA JONES has been made a target by America's tax inspectors because of the sexual harassment case she is bringing against President Clinton, according to the head of her legal fund.

Susan Carpenter-McMillan said yesterday that Mrs Jones and her husband had recently become the subject of audits by the Internal Revenue Service in spite of their small incomes. She said the couple had been selected for an audit of their 1995 tax return and were asked for additional details about their returns in both 1994 and 1996.

"I find it very coincidental that this should have happened." Mrs Carpenter-Mcin their lives, the Joneses got an audit ... and she didn't even make any money. I call it

The Clinton Administration has in the past denied ordering punitive tax inquiries. particularly when a charter airline became the focus of IRS attention during the investigation of the sacking of seven staff members at the White House travel office shortly after the Clintons arrival.

High-profile conservative groups, including the Heri-tage Foundation, the National Rifle Association and various policy groups linked to Newt Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker, are also found to have been subject to swift tax inspection, a method of muzzling political opponents exploited heavily during the Kennedy Administration

Mrs Jones, 30, seeks \$700,000 (£440,000) in damages from the President over allegations that he demanded oral sex at a Little Rock hotel when he was Governor of Arkasas. Mr Clinton denies her allegations.

Last month a judge in Little Rock set a trial date for the case to proceed against the President next May, increasing speculation that the White court settlement.

But her three lawyers left the Jones camp this week after she refused to consider such a settlement. Mrs Carpenter-McMillan and her husband. William, are now acting as her advisers while she selects new

Fault slows speed record bid

IN GERLACH, NEVADA

THE British contender in the land-speed record race, the Thrust SSC which on Friday came within 10mph of the current record of 633.5mph, has developed a computer fault and is unlikely to run again before Thursday. Thrust's American rival,

Shell Spirit of America, which was withdrawn a week ago for an engine to be replaced, returned to Gerlach, the nearest town, early yesterday. There had been doubts whether the American camp, headed by Craig Breedlove, could raise enough cash.

Until yesterday it seemed the ultimate prize of breaking the sound barrier on land (750mph), had Thrust's name on it. Richard Noble, head of the Thrust project, said: "I'm really pleased Craig is still in the game. He's a very formidable competitor, very technical and very competent".

Squadron Leader Andy Green, 35, the former RAF Tornado pilot driving Thrust said: "It's much more fun when Craig is racing."



Andy Green, right, and Richard Noble with car

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may frighten off predators but is not effective against American Instead of the cars passing right over the top of it, it is hit fair and square by the grill. As a result, the roadsides of northern Florida are littered with armadillo carcasses, a resource that has been put to good if unexpected use by Dr Diane Kelly, of Duke University in Durham. North Carolina.

She has discovered that the penis of the nine-banded armadillo has a structure never previously identified in any organ. The chances are, she believes, that all mammalian penises are similarly constructed, including those of human beings, but that nobody has noticed this before.

he nine-banded armadil-lo has a fatal weakness when crossing the road. When it is frightened, its instinct

is to launch itself vertically into

the air, a defence reaction that

Why this secret should have remained hidden so long is a mystery, but Dr Richard Wasserug of Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, who hails Dr Kelly's achievement in Nature, suspects that most scientists "or the male ones at least" have been reluctant to take on such a project for either social or psychological reasons.

The penis is an example of an organ which needs strength, but lacks a solid skeleton. The strength is supplied by internal fluid pressure, acting against a rigid sheath. The sheath is made up of fibres that run up and down the organ.

Dr Kelly's discovery, which she has

100 metres from the hive before dropping

A new study, by Dr Gene Robinson, of the University of Illinois, and Dr Stephen Trumbo of the University of Connecticut,

shows that about I per cent of worker bees do

shifts as undertakers, generally only a day or

so at a time. The behaviour appears to be

genetic, they say, since there is no evidence

that the bees are taught to do it by other bees

and indeed if more than one tries to shift a

body, they end up getting in each other's

way. Undertaker bees are spared some of the

labour of comb-building and food storage, but do remove debris, a task that fits in well

To study the undertaker bees, the entorn

ogists tagged them with plastic labels, and

followed them as they laboured away.

"Understanding the career choices of bees is

a useful model for understanding bee

behaviour in general," says Dr Trumbo,

whose study appears in Behavioural Ecolo-

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gy and Sociobiology.

IN THE busy world of the beehive, somebody has to do

the dirty job of getting rid of the bodies of dead bees. The

task falls to "undertaker

bees", who find the bodies by

scent then carry them 50 to

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published in the Journal of Morphology, is that in the armadillo at least, these rein-

forcing fibres are arranged not

as spirals running helically around the organ but in two sets

at right angles to one another, rather like scaffolding. Some run lengthwise, while others run

around the organ. The armadillo's penis is the first biological structure that has been discovered to have this pattern.

Interestingly, biologists were

already aware of the advantages

of such a structure before Dr

Kelly found it. An orthogonal array of reinforcing fibres such as she found provides maximal

resistance to buckling, clearly an advantage

in a penis. That is not to say that breakage of a penis is impossible, but it is thankfully rare.

Dr Kelly proved this (nervous readers may wish to stop here) by inflating armadillo

penises in the laboratory and subjecting

them to tests of strength. They confirmed that

like the human penis, they are strong but can

ut, says Dr Wasserug, the practical implications of the discovery have yet to be explored. "Could it lead to

lighter, stronger, yet safer condoms?" he

asks. "Could it improve the design of penile

implants?
"To apply these results to clinical situa-

tions relies on a knowledge of the loads to which the penis is subjected during normal

function. Collecting such data will be a challenge for Kelly — or anyone else who

After the sandwich.

AN Australian nutritionist has come up with a novel way of reducing litter. Dr David Topping, of the Com-

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have eaten their sandwiches, they can eat the

It might even do them good. Dr Topping

was referring to a type of plastic made from "resistant starch", a material produced from

plants that got its name because it resists

digestion, passing through the stomach and lower intestine intact. In the large intestine, it

encourages the development of healthy

bacteria which are known to protect the

bowel against cancer and other diseases. The

bacteria are the same as those found in some

Previously it was thought that fibre in food

was the active ingredient in encouraging the

bacteria to grow, but now it is clear that the

resistant starch is responsible. Dr Topping

says. The starch can be used to form an

environment-friendly packaging which

could even be eaten, he says. Resistant starch

could also be used to carry chemicals through the digestive tract to treat diseases of

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Do human beings possess a 'sixth sense' of smell? Anjana Ahuja reports

aving no luck pur-sping the object of your desire? It could be time to you believe the advertisements for perfumes containing pheromones, the key to success lies in swapping expensive after-shave for good old body odour. It might sound dubious but just think of the results. In an ideal world, those animal smells would send a subliminal sexual signal capable of inspiring great passion. Then again, he or she might never want to come near again.

Scientists have not been able to agree whether human beings have the right offactory equipment to pick up on the scent of lust. However, the dispute is set to intensify with the news this month that researchers have discovered a new system of smell in rats and mice. The system refines their ability to detect phero-mones, chemical signals related to sexual behaviour. Such signals are known to exist in the animal world; they trigger the urge to mate, among other things. Some people believe that humans exchange similar subliminal chemical signals.

The latest discovery bestows upon the rat a third system of smell. The animal snifts out everyday odours, such as food, using receptors on the nasal membrane which link up, via nerve fibres, to the olfactory bulb. Human beings employ an identical technique.

The rodent, however, goes one better. It possesses a distinct structure responsible for detecting pheromones. Scientists were astonished to find that this structure, called the vomeronasal organ (VNO), boasts its own complement of odour receptors, determined by a separate family of genes. The latest twist, reported in the current issue of Cell, is that the VNO in rats and mice

has a second set of odour receptors, associated with yet another set of genes. Dr Linda Buck, from Harvard Medical School, made the discovery in rats; Dr Catherine Dulac, from Harvard University, reported her results in mice.

Why the VNO in these animals should have two autonomous detection systems is a mystery. One suggestion is that each system is tuned to pheromones performing different roles, such as reproduction and social status. Another idea is that the various sets of receptors lock onto different portions of an odour molecule. What does this have to do with us? Because mice, rats and people share a substantial



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Some scientists believe that people exchange subliminal chemical signals, similar to those that exist in the animal world

genetic heritage, gene families in these small mammals are often mirrored by groups of genes in human beings. Supporters of pheromone research are likely to claim that, somewhere in their genetic make-up, people do indeed possess a "sixth sense" of smell that governs relationships with the

opposite sex. In fact, there is evidence that we have one of these special organs up our noses. "We have known over the past 300 years that the VNO develops in embryos but it was always reported to disappear," Professor Michael Meredith, a VNO expert from Florida State

University, says. "Then researchers looked in a different place in adults and found it

The pertinent question, Professor Meredith says, is whether the organ is actively connected to the brain. "We know from studying corpses that there are nerve hundles from the VNO to the brain but we have no proof they were active."

If anything, Professor Mer-edith believes the new research destabilises the theory that human beings can detect pheromones. This is because the receptor proteins generated by these brand new genes are flawed. Dr Dulac, who has found some matching human genes, therefore thinks that these faults will appear in the human proteins, too.

In other words, even if we choose to believe we send out chemical signals to each other, our pheromone antennae are genetically switched off. This view will not be universally popular.

The Pherin Corporation, whose laboratories are at the University of Utah, earns its keep through selling bottled human pheromones through a company called Erox. Both Pherin and Erox were set up by Dr David Berliner, a

university. Pherin holds a patent on the

use of human pheromones in fragrances, and is planning to bring its concoctions, Realm Man and Realm Woman, to Britain. Professor Meredith says it is

difficult to isolate completely the VNO from other organs, so changes which Pherin claims it has recorded could have been accidentally induced. He doesn't hide his scepticism. "The human pheromone business runs on rumour and hope, not on fact. And now it looks like the issue is going to get interesting."

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A very awkward customer

David Walsh stalks supermarkets and calls himself a consumers' crusader. The stores see it as a vendetta. Interview by Bill Frost

maining bananas on the shelf, Dr David Walsh begins to hum omi-nously under his breath while hopping up and down. Then, to the surprise of all about him, he bursts into song.

Yes, we have no bananas, we have no bananas today!" A fixed smile takes over his face while he bellows the line a dozen times; those unfortunate enough to be within earshot

Dr Walsh is one of life's complainers. He enjoys being awkward, enjoys taking on the big battalions — always has, always will. He does not get mad, he always gets even. Like Rumpelshitskin in blue

nylon shorts, he whirls from aisle to aisle at his local Tesco supermarket in Maidstone passing judgment on every item, from soft fruit to own-brand

getting value for washing powder. It's a daily routine, money. and the staff have come to fear and As for hate their torservice, His pugnacious

'I wasn't

jawline and set ex-pression of angry forget it!' disapproval strike terror into checkout girls, shelf loaders, cleaners and managers alike. My aim in life is to give

them a hard time and I think I have succeeded, he says proudly, while poking pears contemptuously with his bitten fingernails. This really drives me mad!

The pears are either too hard or too soft - it should not be beyond the wit of this lot to get some ripe ones onto the shelves," he says, while again hopping from foot to foot in apparently demented fury. Tesco opened for business in

Maidstone at about the same time that Dr Walsh, an erstwhile law lecturer in the United States, moved to his home, which backs on to the supermarket car park. His vendetta against the store the threshold.

"I think it all started at the meat counter. I asked why British beef was so much more expensive than Australian meat, and was met with this take it or leave it attitude.

Then I started looking closely at everything on sale and realised that I wasn't getting value for money. And as for customer service, forget

Dr Walsh, 53, tears at another cruelly chewed nail as

fter glaring furiously at the last few rehaunts him still - as much as 85 pence each one day and absolutely no flavour".

His eyes roam the store, seeking out someone in authority -- "only one cherry pie left at 2pm on a Friday and they won't restock the shelves until tomorrow morning what sort of service is that?"

A young trainee manager walks up behind him and, recognising Dr Walsh's squat physique at the last minute. beats a hasty retreat to household goods on the next aisle. Unaware that his prey has

escaped him, he carries on fulminating against the store. "I come every day in the hope that they may have pulled their socks up. They haven't managed to get rid of me, but they'd

love to. Everyone from the manager on down trembles in terror when I am in because they don't know what I'll get up to next. They think I'm mad, but not one of my complaints has ever been unsubstant-

He flies into a

fresh tantrum when he sees a shopper paying with a credit card at a cash-only till. "Rules are there for a purpose. She is just delaying everyone else and it shouldn't be allowed. Some days he pops into his local Sainsbury, too. He says that his reception is not always as cordial as he would like.

The manager once had the cheek to tick me off for complaining, and one of his checkout girls laughed in my face when I asked to see her superior. I can't remember what the issue was, but their manner left a lot to be

e models himself on Ralph Nader (the American consumer campaigner). "I suppose you could call me a consumers' crusader, rather like him," he says.

"And it's not just empty complaining either - I get results. While I was working in Dallas. I shut stores down by organising boycotts.

One manager agreed to assemble his staff, and I walked down the line pointing out those people whose work wasn't up to scratch. I think

Does he feel a twinge of guilt over their dismissal? Not at all. If they are not up to the job,

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Dr David Walsh: "I come every day in the hope that they may have pulled their socks up," he says. "They haven't managed to get rid of me, but they'd love to"

then somebody else should be

doing it."

Dr Walsh, one of three monumentally awkward characters to feature in The Complainers, Channel 4's Cutting Edge programme on Tuesday. September 23, never buys

more than half a dozen items on his daily visits to Tesco. "I must admit that the cherry pies are very good," he says

grudgingly.
"But I do my main shop in France twice a month," he adds. "Everything there is so much better and so much cheaper, and I cover my travelling costs on what I save - everything from peppers to kitchen towel is less expen-

Andrew Coker, Tesco's communications manager, has met Dr Walsh only once — but he says that it is unlikely he

will forget the encounter. Perhaps his is not simply a vendetta against the Maidstone store. Perhaps it's a

kets - perhaps it is a vendetta against the whole world. 'I just feel sorry for the staff,

THE PARTY WAS NOT

though. We have had a couple of girls leave because of Dr Walsh. OK, maybe we get things wrong sometimes, but we are the first to admit a mistake and put things right. However, when a complaint is made for its own sake, when someone is having a go for its own sake, that is dreadful for the staff, whose life is stressful

himself to distraction in Tesco every day? Could he possibly have become obsessed, a little unhinged even? He looks blank for a moment or two after the question is asked.

enough anyway," he says. So why does Dr Walsh drive

vendetta has caused me a lot of stress - I dream about Tesco sometimes, dream that I am standing outside with a big banner criticising the goods and lack of customer service.

mind that I might be going

mad, never once. But this

"I'll never give up, though They can say what they like and some staff have been insulting — but I will still keep coming back, day in, day out. The trouble with us Brits is that we accept whatever is put in front of us without complaint. Well, not me.

"Of course it makes me angry that they treat me with contempt. The people at Tesco think I am a troublemaker because I point out that their

enough, unless it is with expensive items or junk food. "And of course I am tense." he says, glowering at the frozen desserts, and tearing at another bitten nail.

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He adds: "It is so infuriating when goods are overpriced and the staff couldn't care less about the customers. It's a stressful mission that I have chosen, but someone's got to do it."

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How a drink a day can help to protect the heart from harm

In 1991, a British epidemiologist confirmed what many doctors had long suspected: that alcohol can reduce the risk of cardiac disease. In the second extract from his new book, Dr Thomas **Stuttaford** explains how moderate amounts of alcohol can help to ward off one of the leading causes of death



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family's practice in rural Norfolk there were patients who would long since have died had they been living near the London teaching hospital where I worked. Their survival puzzled me for a long while, but I slowly realised that there were three components to it.

The patients, now eiderly, had taken steady, regular exercise all their lives while Many of those who had worked on farms had osteoarthritis after years of toiling in damp. windswept fields, and consequently took aspirin daily. which helps to protect the heart and blood vessels. The third factor was that very few of my Norfolk patients were

Wine-drinking was not then popular in Norfolk, but those who lived in my practice regularly enjoyed beer and had whisky when there was anything to celebrate. One retired farmer must have weighed 20 stone, had high blood pressure and a puce complexion: each day as I drove past his gate I was surprised that his Maker had spared him for another 24 hours. His wife was of similar

Years later. I went back and there, by the gate, was the same old man with his wife. seemed to have Neither changed. I told him that on no account was he to stop either

his daily pint or aspirin.

Although evidence of the benefits of alcohol had been accumulating for many years. it continued to be denied by doctors until October 1991. when Sir Richard Doll, an Oxford-based epidemiologist and an internationally accepted leader in his field, declared that drinking up to four glasses of wine a day reduced the lik elihood of coronary thrombusis. Those who had advocated this, and had been derided for it, were at last vindicated.

Since the early 1970s, rumours had been circulating that French doctors had confirmed that wine had a cardioprotective effect not shared equally by other forms of alcohol. At first British doctors

dismissed, even ridiculed, the idea that wine could have a greater benefit than other drinks. However, at about the same time two studies in America were showing that moderate drinkers had less heart disease than either teetotallers or heavy drinkers.

team reviewed the drinking habits of 87.526 female nurses. The survey showed a marked reduction in heart disease in moderate drinkers, which far death from other causes. Further work with the nurses has shown that moderate drinkers not only have less lethal heart disease, but also suffer from fewer other fatal illnesses. Another study, of 1,422 male civil servants, also revealed thatlight and moderate drink-

heart disease than heavy drinkers or abstainers. The find-Moderate ings of large-scale population studies have been supportdrinkers ed by animal experiments. In one, two scientists. David Clerfield and David Kritch evsky, compared the effect of wine, beer and spirits on rabbits that had

been enjoying glutionous meals enriched with fats. Those that that although whisky was just had only water to drink with their meals had the worst arteries. Beer and spirit drinkers fared little better. The wine drinkers, conversely, had to some extent been protected from arterial disease. Recent research, on human beings rather than rabbits, has shown that some forms of beer provide better protection than

others. The dark brown beers

beers contain more of the known flavonoids than light

In 1995 a Copenhagen survey found that wine drinkers were indeed favoured by the health than those who were either abstainers or bee Copenhagen did only margin-

a small proportion of heavy drinkers may find that their habit leads to cardiomyopathy, or disease of the heart

The famous 18th-century physician Dr Heberden noriced in 1772 that a "nightcap" prevented nocturnal angina, but it was 200 years before the ers showed less evidence of effect of alcohol on this condi-

tion was scientifically investigated. In 1956 the Journal of the American Medical ation carried an account by Dr Russek of experiments in which a couple of double whiskies were compared , with nitroglycerine as preventers of angi-

na. Dr Russek was surprised to find as good as glyceryl trinitrate at banishing the pain, it had no effect on the electrocardiogram, ECG.

Later experiments showed that normal coronary arteries flowing through undamaged heart muscles are indeed dilated by alcohol, but that once a heart has been damaged by coronary heart disease, it behaves differently.

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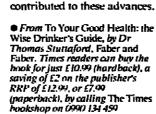
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The whisky jogged my memory of Dr Heberden's

comments and of Dr Russek's research. I suggested that in

future, my patient should always have, regardless of the

time of day, a whisky before he

flew. Twenty-five years later

the patient still travels the

world, but tells me that he

since our lunch, but never

other benefits of alcohol. Few

branches of medicine have

progressed so much in the past 50 years as cardiology. There

have been great advances in

cardiac surgery, and many

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owe their lives to this high-tech

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The French have long lauded the benefits of wine. Now doctors advise that a little light imbibing can help to prevent the onset of heart disease

One of my patients who developed coronary heart disease in his forties was chair-C Deal Of The Year! man of an international company, a role that necessitated constant air travel from one capital city to another. Each time my patient flew, he suffered angina. We tried all the standard anti-anginal agents without success, until one day, just before I had lunch with him, he handed me The Ultimate 200M-2 Specification

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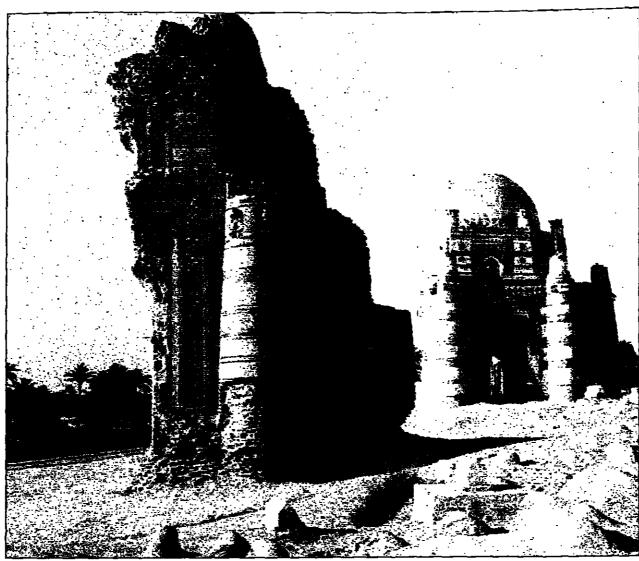
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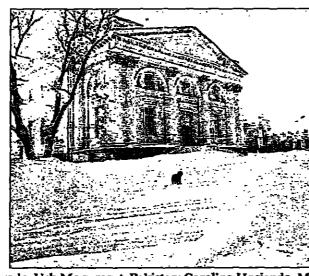
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The WMF list only exists courtesy of a £1 million grant offered by American Express. But its effectiveness is shown by the fact that three quarters of the nominations on the first danger is no longer acute. Pride of place this year must

go to the Ugandan Roman Catholic bishop who, having failed to get included on the first list in 1996, badgered the WMF organisers in New York from a payphone until they accepted his case. His cathe dral at Masaka may date from only 1917, but the value of the list is that it includes 19th and 20th-century structures as well as ancient and prehistoric

From Moscow comes the Russakov Club by the great

theatre is unsafe. Scotland's nomination, after years of campaigning by Gavin Stamp ("Piloti" in Private Eye), is the extraordinary St Vincent Street Church by Alexander "Greek" Thomson, where American Express, the main sponsor, presented a cheque for \$50,000 last week.

In the south of Italy the fund is focusing attention on a series of 160 rock-hewn churches in Puglia, many of which still feature Byzantine wall paintings. From the 1st century AD comes a subterra-

The race to save the list, published last year, have Constructivist architect Konnean basilica in Rome contain. In St Petersburg the Alexan-people, "Unesco officials are world's forgotten been removed because the stantin Melnikov, where the ing possibly the finest stuccos der Palace, where the Tsar and wont to say as the glamorous surviving from antiquity; they are being shaken from the walls by vibrations from trains overhead.

in Bolivia, funds are sought for a 16th-century church at Callapa, one of dozens of adobe churches facing extinction. More ancient still are 45 pre-Columbian funerary towers recently discovered in western Bolivia, which have survived centuries of sand erosion, freezing winters and aggressive nesting birds only to be despoiled by passers-by

fund. In Beijing the 15th-century Jufu Hall, one of the few survivors of the Cultural Revolution, is in danger of losing its superb roof, lacquered with golden dragons. Fourteenth-century Namseling is one of only six surviving Tibetan manor houses, a ruinous seven-storey house standing alone in the landscape and now being stabilised. In Mexico, local people are battling to rescue the Italianate Carolina Hacienda, the 1896 home of

General Lewis Terrazas, the country's richest landowner

his family spent their last

years, opened its doors on

August II, thanks partly to the

before the revolution.
The list includes vernacular architecture in Trondheim in Norway and Tbilisi in Georgia, and the ornate wooden courtyard houses of Ahmedabad in India. And there are such diverse items as the Arch of Trajan, standing in an unlikely setting of cranes, piles of coal and railway lines in the dockyard at Ancona in Italy: the 16th-century Sufi shrines

delegates of the World Monu-

ments Fund descend upon

them. But the beautiful people have started something.

The site both organisations need to tackle together is the Royal Palaces at Benin, where the bronzes came from. Between 1645 and 1906, 12 African kings built palaces embellished with murals and sculpture. The best are in danger of imminent collapse. • Further information from the World Monuments Fund (949), Park Avenue. New York). or on http://www.worldmonuments.org

BBC PROMS

Lower the curtain and raise the roof

PERIOD performance has long been a feature of the Proms, but traditionalists will be glad to hear that it has not yet reached the Last Night. The final concert of the 103rd season opened in the Albert Hall on Saturday with a rendering of Handel's Zadok the Priest of which Sir Henry Wood would have been proud. Banks of BBC Symphony Orchestra strings plodded through the introductory arpeggios, rising to a Wagnerian climax and the acclamatory shout of massed singers (the **BBC** Singers and Symphony Chorus in good voice).

to be heard in the shape of the Prelude and Liebestod from Tristan und Isolde. Andrew Davis shaped the Prelude lovingly and Anne Evans delivered an intimate Liebestod. Hers is not the ringing, heroic voice traditionally associated with Wagnerian heroines, but one capable of infinite

There was little such subtle-ty in organist Wayne Marshall's swift dispatching of Messiaen's Transports de Joie from L'Ascension. Marshall's technique is so prodigious that he can rattle off such a fearsome toccata as though it were a five-linger exercise. But the virtuosity should be incidental to the piece and the breathless, detached style

religious ecstasy.

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The Messiaen without a break from Judith Weir's Sanctus from the Requiem of Reconciliation - a movement from the multicomposer commemorative work assembled in Stuttgart in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Pamela Priestley-Smith and Lynette Alcantara distinguished themselves in the solo soprano and

Wayne Marshall returned after the interval, to the piano this time, for Gershwin's Variations on I Got Rhythm. Here his exuberant virtuosity was put to good use and his extrovert performance was received with much enthusiasm. But then - with the exception of Britten's Irish Reel and Weber's Leise, leise from Der Freischütz - this was the beginning of the slippery slope to the embarrassing infantilism that marks the latter stages of the Last Night, An unscheduled extra appearance by Evans, with a Valkyrie's headdress and spear, afforded a round of "Hojotohos" and then we were into the patriotic perennials, punctuated by the hooters and whistles banned under a sterner regime.

> BARRY MILLINGTON

In memoriam

THE themes of this year's Proms have, in their latter days, been played out with many a sad variation. When Sir Colin Davis raised his baton at the start of the Requiem of all Requiems, the penultimate improvisation was in place, for the late Sir Georg Solti was to have conducted this Verdi performance and dedicated it to the memory of Diana, Princess of

from sounding hastily pre-pared, had all the dignity and breadth of vision that one would expect from the with Sir Colin at the helm. The breathing of the work was slower, deeper, perhaps, than we might have heard from Sir Georg; but the dance with just the quality of exuberance which characterised the Solti of recent years. And not suffering and terror uniquely

compromised. There is light and there is sweetness in the work — and we heard them as Michèle Crider's soprano ascended with the solo violin to archangelic realms, and as Olga Borodina's mezzo-soprano turned sound into light itself in the *Lux aeternam*. But this

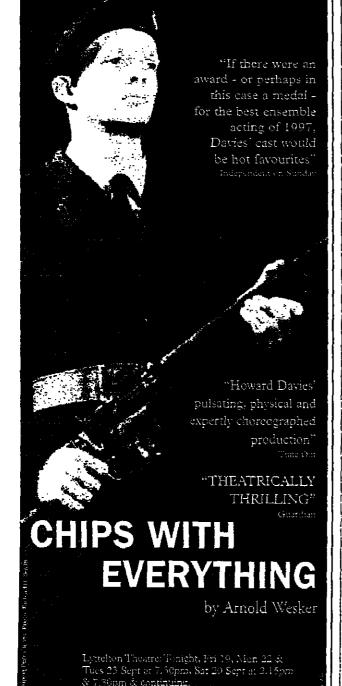
expressed in this Requiem

Requiem ends with a still urgent plea of "Libera me!". and it was a huge presence of heart of this Albert Hall performance.

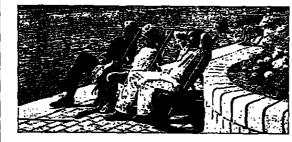
The London Symphony Chorus and London Voices hung on every consonant to mute and sustain the barely pitched opening. It was chillingly dark chest voice and intense control of tone and half-tone, who focused the unique character of this

The night before, Mahler's Fifth Symphony had begun with a funeral march and ended with transformation both musical and metaphysical, in an incandescent performance of penetrating clarity of vision given by the City of chestra and Sir Simon Rattle. In possibly the single greatest evening of music-making in a memorable season, this performance was matched by another of rare and extraordinary accomplishment Maxim Vengerov's Shostakovich Violin Concerto No L in which every movement of the human body seemed indivisible from the sinew, nerves and innermost heartbeat of the music itself.

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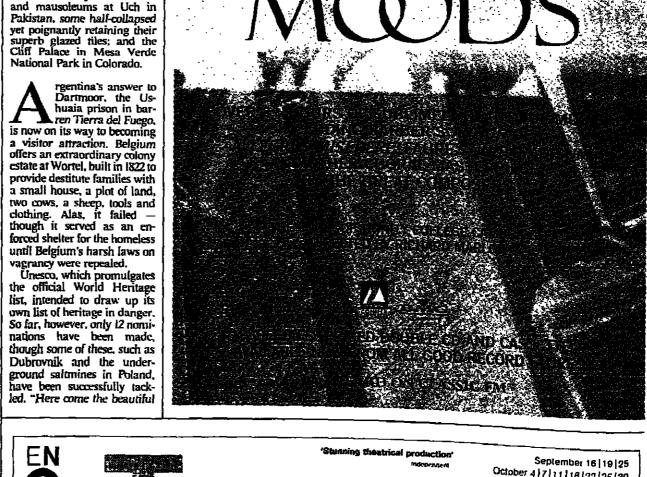
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passion for autobiography is A sweeping the country. I am modish confessional offerings, but of those who, in the last decades of their time, determine to set down their lives to tell new generations what life in this country was like in a recent past now as remote as the court of Queen Bess.

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In local history societies, in local newspapers and on local radio, the sounds are heard of those whose late health and leisure have given them the time, and whose dramatic experience has given them the impetus to tell it as it was. Oral history grows immeasurably by the year. The Oral History Society of the University of Essex and the National Sound Archives in London have pioneered what is

now a vast vault of captured lives. Perhaps this impulse comes from an awareness of the awesome change in life in this century. Even in my own lifetime, the transformation of our society has been astonishing and even disturbing How much more so for those born 20 or 30 years earlier than me?

My connection with the National Sound Archives and the University of Essex came about through Dr

Everyone has a book in them

Paul Thompson, who took an interest in a book I wrote called Speak for England. This consisted of about 70 interviews with people in my home town of Wigton in Cumbria, arranged in such a way that the history of this century between ISO and 1970 was told through the voices and experience of that majority of British people so often inaccurately described as "ordinary people". The intention was to provide a series of personal narratives of war and peace and striving to be set alongside the upper-caste history much more monopolising then; the book was published in the mid-1970s.

It came out at a time when there was a big lift-off in the field of oral history, with Thompson and the University of Essex very much to the fore, it has grown beyond prediction over the past 25 years. There is clearly a need among those who want to write it and speak it to get their stories down, and an appetite to have them collected. Perhaps in one way this is a strong

past to hold to the good things embedded in what was, undoubtedly, for many, a very harsh life indeed. Or perhaps it is to the virrues which can come from a harsh life.

One such liv-

ing archive

arrived on my desk a couple of months ago from John Storey. Called Cumbrian Boyhood, it tells of the period between the wars. It is a foreign country. He brings us news from a past which many of us can touch by reaching out to three, two, even one of our forebears. As our national character, its new

contours, style and future, form, so

is it more than ever worth listening

talgia, but to appreciate that these could be seen as the building blocks of the future. Storey's young life was one which would now be

described in terms of terrible hardship But it was endured by him and even relished. Now it would provoke nothing but protest. Then the 14year-old boy was glad to live the life

he lived, or so he remembers, and he makes us believe him. Glad to work for six months on a fell farm, waiting for the payday of \$3.08 that would enable him to give back to his mother the money she had put out for the clothes

mornings sawing wood, milking by hand, lambing from a herd of 1,400 Herdwick and Swaledale ewes. Glad. I think, because he was tested, and he relished the test and he came through it.

as a hired lad. Glad to work all

daylight hours and many dark

and, at lambing time, out in all weathers on the fells, with the normal work to be done alongside. In that first year "the wind and rain were really bad and, of course, in those days there were no wellington boots or waterproof clothing". One of his very first obs was to carry two newborn lambs over two miles of high fell land in driving rain to the safety of the kitchen hearth. "I was so tired that I thought my arms were going to drop off," he says, "But I daren" stop in case the lambs died." The lambs delivered, he was back into action as all the does had fallen ill. so I had to be the dog . .

But the work is salted with

pleasures: the good and plentiful food provided by the fair employer. Pushing aside the furniture in the kitchen and having a dance on the sandstone flags to the music of a mouth organ. Having a "crack" with an elderly invalid who also lived in the farmhouse and was obviously well-educated and very interesting". Is there any way that this world can connect with that of 14-year-olds today?
There is the acceptance, too, of

what would now be hidden or deplored. The boy was asked to skin a dead dog to make a rug. There is a description of the castrating of the tup lambs. We made a coal fire in the sheep pens. put in the castrating irons and got the clamps and green salve ready. When the irons were hot enough, I caught a lamb, sat on a stool near the fire, wrapped its front legs around its back ones and held it there ... It is worthy of mention. writes Storey, "if only for the cruelty of it".

What he has written is not only worthy of mention but worthy of record. Whatever else we might take into the new millennium I am grateful we will also take lives such as that led by John Storey.

salvage something from the

wreckage, and in Ivor Bolton a

conductor who knows the secret of pacing these long

pieces. He used a commend-

ably full text and devised some

spectacular vocal embellishments. The ROH Orchestra

was persuaded to sound as

Baroque as necessary: lively,

light-fingered, rhythmically

Ann Murray, on noticeably

happier form than when she sang Caesar in Munich in the

summer, made her last-act

scena one of the high points of

the evening. Her little upward

scale in the cadenza told you in

two seconds more about 18th-

century style in general and

why Handel wrote for the

theatre in particular than

many a learned treatise. The

other high point was David

Daniels's singing of Sesto's

Cara speme: as always, it is

not just the beauty of his quasi-

soprano tone that impresses.

Amanda Roocroft was in

creamy vocal form as Cleopa-

wider range of vowel sounds

could lead to her communicat-

ing more about the role, and

she was not helped by having

to do battle with a shocking

pink trouser-suit, quite one of

nastiest costumes seen on the

lyric stage. Brian Asawa was

similarly hampered by being

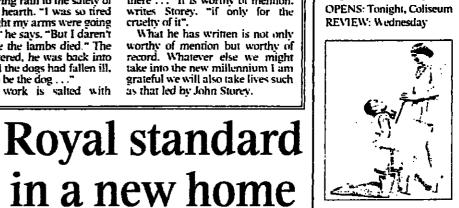
made to play Ptolemy as a

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POP: David Sinclair sees Oasis

launch their British tour at the

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non, of that there can be no doubt. One million copies of their third alburn. Be Here Now, crossed the counters of British record shops in just 10 days, and such was the demand for tickers that their entire British tour was virtually sold out in one day. But even their most ardent supporters would have to admit that on stage they are not the most demonstrative of acts. It is almost as if their brand of surly Mancunian machismo forbids any physical display of emotion, resultning style notable primarily for its ex-

treme laziness. Still there were encouraging signs on the opening night of their tour at the 8.000-capacity Westpoint Arena in Exeter that Oasis have at last begun to think about their visual presentation. They emerged, after some preamble, from a giant telephone box and got down to work with a brisk

version of Be Here Now. Alan White's drumkit was perched on the bonnet of a mocked-up white Rolls-Royce. while suspended above the stage was a clock with Roman numerals, its hands speeding backwards. Later on, when a ghostly moon lit up during Magic Pie and a spinning globe appeared for All Around The World amid a panoply of

a hint of dry ice, there was more than a passing resemblance to the grand symbolism of a Pink Floyd show. The crowd responded ec-

statically as the band hit an early peak with Supersonic. Some Might Say and Roll With It, but singer Liam Gallagher standing with his hands behind his back and wearing a heavy cagoule jacket throughout, continued to look for all the world like a man waiting for a bus. To either side of him Noel Gallagher, Paul "Bonehead" McGuigan kept their eyes glued to their fretboards and their feet rooted to the spot.

But it is a mark of all great groups that they approach their various tasks on their own terms. And even when Oasis do nothing they are more watchable than any number of conventionally energetic performers. Part of this down to the distinctive singing style and raw charisma of Liam Gallagher, but mostly it is due to the effortlessly winning effect of Neel

From the terrace anthem of D'You Know What I Mean? to the contemplative emotions of Wonderwall and a simply gorgeous Live Forever - dedicated by Liam to Diana. Princess of Wales - they



Man of the moment: Oasis frontman Liam Gallagher singing to the Exeter crowd

stirred feelings of warmth. excitement and above all solidarity with their mass audience which very few acts are able to do on this grand scale. With the stage all lit up they embarked on an epic version

complete with full guitar freak-out at the end, and although the excitement was then allowed to dissipate, an encore of Acquiesce brought the event to a thunderous climax. It was hardly a great of Champagne Supernova show in the conventional sense

but as the title of their album suggests, Oasis are absolutely of the moment. And with songs like these to take the strain, they will doubtless be able to thrill audiences without exerting themselves unduly for years to come.

There was a curious and **OPERA** rather depressing sense Giulio Cesare Barbican

of mismatch in the Roval Opera's debut at the Barbican: on the one hand much song and dance about the theatre's £1.9 million refurbishment into a "uniquely flexible venue for opera and dance", and on the other a production of Handel's opera that seemed poverty-stricken both literally and stylistically. It would not have washed at Covent Garden, and vividly illustrated the current lunacy of there being plenty of money available for glamorous new theatres but none for the shows that go into them.

At first one felt some sympathy for a production team mounting a work that de-mands at least an impression of spectacle on an exiguous budget, but that sympathy started to fade as an air of smart facetiousness came to dominate Lindsay Posner's direction, and faded to nothing when an array of unnecessary and expensive props was wheeled on for the last scene: might not that money have been better spent on some more wigs and costumes, and male and female extras who had to double as Muses and Roman soldiers with varying degrees of embarrassment?

Joanna Parker's set was a bare stage and a variable CinemaScope backcloth lit in garish colours by Jean Kalman, and that's about it. It was not the arch humour of Posner's direction that irritated so much as his and Parker's failure to come up with a coherent visual and dramatic language via which to present an 18th-century opera to a 20th-century audience. The gags and the outbreaks of soan-onera naturalism simply didn't add up, and the aura of the village hall hovered uncomfortably overhead.

Thank heavens there were some experienced singers to

tifully. Catherine Wyn-Rogers (the sumptuous-toned Cornelia), and Gerald Finley (a fine Achilla, rewarded with an extra aria) preserved their dignity amid the camp goings-

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Avant-garde kicks itself out of view

Rachel Campbell-Johnston on the

ageing of British art's young rebels

what you need to keep pace with the contemporary art scene. Show spaces are like those ephemeral eco-systems that drift in the oceans. They spring up secret-ly, thrive briefly, and die as suddenly as they began. Scattered all over the metropolis. they flourish in the interstices of urban life: in untenanted shops, abandoned warehouses, unlet offices and empty archways. The art aficionado will needs an A-Z and a determined stride to find them.

But be persistent - enter those alleyways, climb that fire escape, follow those footprints in the corridor dust and, eventually you will arrive at the avant-garde. What is it like? Well. rather like the family lunatic brought down from the attic - ranting. unpredictable and a bit threatening. And the art is usually well guarded by its progeni tors - Britain's newest breed young contemporaries. They are easily recognised by their sensible shoes: sturdy boots, with lots of lacing. They come in useful when kicking down establishment doors.

There is something exciting about this off-centre art scene. There is a mood of silent armies gathering somewhere out of sight — as the Fauvists once gathered in Paris, or the Blaue Reiter movement in Munich. These things are done in gangs. wrote Walter Sickert, of how a group

of artists develop a

probably be their last chance to make a sensation new style. And it

The show

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W35. gangs that Britain's bestknown contemporary artists have done it. They have mustered like unruly schoolchildren out of hours flicking V signs at passers-by.

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If the main object of any new art movement is to unsettle, grouping of British artists has succeeded. Ever since the young Goldsmiths' student Damien Hirst gathered his mates together ten years ago to stage Freeze, a show held in a vacated Port of London Authority building in SE16. they have been ruffling leathers. Their work was radical and disturbing, brazen. cheeky, ironic, rude, and all curiously

memorable. Council estate culture battered at the door of embar-rassed Middle England. And the artists were there like jobcreation salesmen, with inyour-face credentials and wares - futility, violence. waste, cruelty, vice, death on show. If older generations were armoured against such youthful rawness, younger people found that they raked exposed nerves.

They discovered a fierce futility in such works as Hirst's A Thousand Years in which maggots hatch and feed on a rotting cow's head, metamorphosing eventually into flies that crawl forlornly against the class before their brutal death by insect-o-cutor.

If there is something manipulative and provient, there is also something vulnerable and poignant about pieces as Gillian Wearing's Signs that say what you want

ensible shoes. That's them to say and not signs that say what someone else wants you to say. Ordinary people hold up their own handwritten messages - evocative and touching - on scraps of paper. And even if such pieces might appear glib, at least they stir up good old-fashioned debate about "truth" in photography and photography in the arena

> The work of these artists played with that most intractable of questions: what counts as art? And if at times their work may have seemed shocking, this served only to high-light the innate conservatism

of the art world. The more conventional critics frothed and loathed, then slowly began to change their opinions - led by the convictions of the few. Gradually, the new young artists found themselves showing in ever more mainstream places. They turned up at the Hayward, the Serpentine, the Venice Bi-ennale. Gary Hume, Mark Wallinger and Rachel Whiteread were nominated - in-

deed the last won - the Turner Prize. And usually the publicity frenzy flew apace. Many of the artists began to believe their own hype. Like overexcited teenagers in

search of attention, some started to shout louder. They became ever more brash and brazen. revelling in gruesacrificing integrity for commercial sensation. But shock in itself makes a weak tool. Its effects wore off all too soon. Is it

not hard to remember, for instance, why Manet's Olympia or his Déjeuner sur L'herbe, should ever have been considered such a disgraceful affront?

If the young Brit artists had made their reputations challenging establishment views, selves with nothing to smash against. They had themselves become the Establishment: institutionalised by the Tate, promoted overseas by the British Council, their reputations

endorsed by the Arts Council. The Royal Academy represents the last bastion of artistic conservativism. Its august Georgian halls are probably the last space in which an exhibition of the work of this younger generation of artists still has the capacity to provoke a stir.

aybe with an exhibitions secretary as sympathetic to their Norman Rosenthal, their gaining entry to the sanctum has been a little too like kicking at an open door. Several academicians have risen gratifyingly (to a publicity-hungry artist, at least) to the bait, with angry learning and

loud resignations.

Such squabbling is certain to shift tickets. But the showing of Saatchi's collection at the RA this week will probably be the last chance for at least one grouping of artists to make their

eponymous sensution. The artists have been shot in the sensible shoe. Art afficionados must do up their laces and ready themselves for another long trek if they want to seek

Devolution and the European movement may be leading to the destruction of England as a nation

The Scottish mood was unmistakable, even before the general election. The Scottish people were going to vote for a Scottish parliament, both in the election itself and in the referendum which would follow. The mood of Wales is less certain. The Cynullaid is a half-baked assembly, without the powers of the Scottish parliament. My own rather distant Welsh blood feels insulted at the idea that the Welsh are less of a nation than the Scots. I would vote "yes" if I lived in Wales, in the hope that something better would be cre-ated out of this feeble Cynullaid; it seems probable, though not certain, that the momentum from Scotland. together with Welsh patriotism, will between them carry the day. Nationhood is a reality, in Scotland, in Wales and, of course, in England.

It is now English nationhood which is under threat. The present set of constitutional proposals all tend to-wards diminishing England's independence. The Scottish parliament will have wide domestic powers, but Scottish Members of the Westminster Parliament will still decide these matters for England, although even they will have no right to vote on Scottish affairs. At the same time, the issue of Britain joining a single currency is again to be debated, with its consequent loss of national control over its exchange and interest rate policy. It now seems highly probable that the single European currency will start in 1999; British membership will be proposed either in this Parliament, subject to a referendum, or at the next general election. In Whitehall there is a feeling of momentum towards Britain joining, which al-most certainly reflects the underlying attitudes of the Government. Constitutional change could whol-

ly replace the structure of the United Kingdom as it still existed only six months ago. There will now be a

Revenge of the Celtic fringe

largely proportional system; there may be a Welsh assembly similarly elected. There may be a referendum or a general election on a proposal for Britain to join the single currency; there may be a referendum or a general election decision that the Westminster Parliament should be selected on a proportional system. On both issues the Lahour and Liberal parties would be in agreement and the Con-servatives would be opposed.

If these are the two major issues of the next election, which will probably

come in 2001, there would presumably be an electoral pact between the Liberal and Labour parties. If a Lab-Lib combination were successful in that election, the following election, in 2005 or 2006, would be fought on some variant of the present German electoral system, such as has already been promised for Scotland. At the same time, Britain would have taken the almost irreversible decision to join the single currency; we might actually join in the early years of the next Parliament. At the same time there may be a campaign to create, without much public demand, separate English regions, with regional assemblies on the Welsh model, or possibly even with regional parlia-ments on the Scottish model. This would create English equivalents of the German Länder, whereas the German Länder grew out of the old independent princedoms of Germany, the new English regions would be entirely artificial, with no

historic point of reference later than the Anglo-Saxons. England would be divided as a nation by the same constitutional process that would have strengthened the nationhood of Wales and Scotland, The UK would then become a part of the European superstate that may emerge in the early decades of the next century. The Lab-Lib coalition could be expected to win elections until the electorate became bored with it; it would have a strong bias in favour of European

This would indeed be the revenge

William Rees-Mogg

of the Celtic fringe. Scottish nationhood would be strengthened - something most English people accept. Welsh nationhood would be confirmed - which the English are equally prepared to welcome. The English nation would be divided into petty regions, so that English nationhood would be gutted. At the same time, all these nations would become part of a single European state, with a single currency, with harmonisation of taxes at a high level, eventually with its own defence and foreign policy. To top all this, the electoral system would be changed so that the Conservatives could not get back into power at Westminster until they could win more than 50 per cent of the vote, against allcomers. By the time they did that it would be far too late to reverse the great project, which is no less than the destruction of England as a nation.

n England, some people see this prospect quite clearly, and welcome it. They believe that the creation of a single European state is historically inevitable, that Britain will be better off inside it than outside, that Europe will become an economic superpower, and that as a single state it will be free from the threat of European wars. It is hard to justify their optimism

The development of the European Union since the Second World War has not been democratic, but bureaucratic. All bureaucracies have built-in obsolescence: they lose touch with their people and strangle themselves in their own regulations. Europe has lost competitiveness relative to Asia and already has very high unemployment. The whole tendency of late 20th-century politics has been for empires to break up; this is a project for creating a new Holy Roman Empire. Modern electronic communications are global rather than regional, and undermine the taxing power of all states, large or small. Europe has a high-tax culture. The single currency does not provide any

adjustment mechanism for differential economic shocks in an area of many languages and low mobility of labour. The internal contradictions of the proposed super-Europe seem as great as those of the United States before Civil War. Perhaps, as the Scottish think, the

English have been too much the top dogs in the UK. I am myself of half-Irish descent, and Ireland was the worst treated of the smaller nations under English rule. But it would be wrong for the Government to forget that England is a nation too; indeed we are a nation with an older and stronger tradition of democracy than any other on earth. This very Scottish Cabinet would be ill-advised to humiliate England. The English are in a mood for

accepting change; the scale of the Labour victory on May I shows that; so in a different way does the great emotional response to the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. But the English will not welcome losing their national identity, and will not accept losing their democracy. Already the major part of new laws affecting Britain is Brussels law, not made by elected representatives but by nominated commissioners and their civil servants. If we join the single currency, tax harmonisation will follow and the ultimate democratic principle, "no taxation without representation", will be at stake.

Scotland is now the historic example for England. In 1707 the Scottish Parliament merged itself into the United Kingdom Parliament, and the Scottish people have spent nearly 300 years trying to get back some of their powers. The English stand relative to Europe where the Scots stood relative to England in 1707: we are being asked to sacrifice our independence, for the economic benefits of joining a larger power. We do not want to spend the next 300 years trying to get

Time to start the real show

When will the Government get

down to specific

business, asks

Peter Riddell

Tony Blair has a problem. His political position will never be stronger. Labour is impregnable in the Commons voice, or an audience. Mr Blair's personal ratings remain in the stratosphere and his authority as a national leader has been reinforced by his handling of the death of Diana. Princess of Wales. But how should he exploit this opportunity? Mr Blair is by instinct an activist, a user rather

than a hoarder of political capital. After the vacuous generalisations of the past fortnight, it is time to blow away the froth. So much nonsense has been written about the creation of a new Britain that I have longed for a George Orwell to prick the plethora of pretensions. Something remarkable did happen, as anyone going to the royal palaces saw. But the main implications are for the monarchy, rather than for party politics. The public is more level-headed than many pundits about separating the tragic death of a celebrity from the

fate of the nation, and their own lives. I am sceptical of talk of a dramatic new mood, although it may boost the Prime Minister's standing. Mr Blair has made much in the past week of a desire for modernisation as a connecting theme of the Government's programme, but it is hard to know what this means in practice. Mr Blair's comment in his TUC speech. "modernity is our spirit as it is the spirit of an age, the desire to build a new Britain free from the old prejudices", sounds rather like Harold

Wilson circa 1963-64. In that modernisation is more than just a catchy slegan, it reflects less the soul-searching of the past formight than the desire for a fresh start that



led to the Tory rout on May I, and was also reflected in the Scottish devolution vote. But this has mainly been a time-for-a-change mood. It does not yet amount to an ideological shift as significant as in the 1980s. Admittedly, the Blair landslide, the humbling of Jacques Chirac, the disarray of the Republicans in America and the fissures in the Kohl coalition prompted The Weekly Stan-dard, that liveliest of American political weeklies, to produce a spe-cial issue on the theme "is there a worldwide conservative crack-up?"

The main reason that right-wing parties have been doing badly is internal divisions and loss of direction produced by longevity in office. There less evidence of ideological rejection, as opposed to exhaustion. Most successful Centre-Left leaders Blair, Bill Clinton and Romano

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Prodi - have accepted the policy shifts of the 1980s in their repositioning to the centre and reinvention of themselves as "new".

But the ideological ground has shifted. As Irwin Stelzer argued in The Weekly Standard symposium, the conservative victories of the 1980s contained the seeds of subsequent defeats. More competitive and less regulated markets increased the personal risks and insecurities with which voters must live. The Right's political difficulties prevented it from developing a coherent and credible answer. This created the opening for the reformed parties of the centre-left to say they would run a market economy in a more caring and socially cohesive style, the elusive third way between Thatcherism (or its caricature) and old-style col-

The Centre-Left came to power promising a new beginning, but with cautious, and often evasive, pledges and much reassurance about its financial responsibility. That is Mr Blair's dilemma now. He may have a vague mandate for modernisation, but he is constrained by commitments not to increase overall spending and income tax. Well before the death of the Princess, Mr Blair and John Prescott realised that a new phase would start this autumn after the post-election euphoria of the summer. The multitude of policy reviews will have to report. Decisions will soon have to be taken, by ministers who have never faced the hard choices of office.

The Government has to risk un-

popularity, not least with its own supporters. This will be seen over its intention to hold down public sector pay bills for teachers and nurses. Moreover, Labour has had no serious policy for the health service. Promising to end the internal market is meaningless on its own: A formal system of rationing is unacceptable; so more money will have to be raised from charges, a special earmarked health tax (favoured by some) or by encouraging private insurance. The Government will this autumn also have to decide how far to accept a Frank Field's ideas for reviving a genuinely contributory social security system. Similarly, the only solution. the chronic problems of London Underground is to attract private capital in ways that amount to privatisation by another name.

r Blair's personal authority will also be tested over Northern Ireland, Bosnia (especially if Congress forces President Clinton to withdraw American troops next year) and Europe. This weekend's meeting of European finance ministers has shown that a single currency will go ahead on plan in 1999, so Mr Blair will have to declare his hand before long. Britain is still unlikely to enter in the first wave but Mr Blair will want to show that he does not intend to use the British presidency in the first half of next year to be obstructive and delay monetary union. Moving to a more positive stand will require political skill with his Cabinet and party.

So the Government is at a critical stage in moving from general rhetoric to specific policies. Mr Blair has left ministers in no doubt of how focused he is on the next election and heyond. But the other side is apprehension, about how his standing will be affected by the inevitable setbacks of any premiership.

Will there be a sudden media swing against him if the party leadership suffers defeats from bruised, resentful union leaders at the abour conference in two weeks? But, for the moment, Mr Blair has the chance to reshape the political landscape. He should be bold. The opportunity will not last for long.

Who dares?

THE SAS, worried that recent controversies have dented its swashbuckling image, has hired a public relations supremo. Its choice? Colunel Bob Stewart, whose heroics leading British forces in Bosnia were, undermined by his hardy personal campaigns, prompting the cheaper prints to dub him "Bonking Bob". Since resigning from the Army

whom he left his wife of 20 years. he has kept a low profile, although during the general election ne popped up in Tatton to help to run dartin Bell's anti-sleaze cumpaign.

Recent "shoot and tell" reveiations of life — and death — inside the SAS regiment have demoralised top brass at Hereford. Bravo Two Zero, Andy McNab's account of leading a disastrous patrel behind Iraqi lines in the Gulf War. after marrying a Swiss-born Red Cross nurse to years his junior, for



Colonel Bob: leading a no-nonsense campaign against drivel?

sold more than a million copies, earned him 25 million and damaged the pledge of silence.

More than 40 books - some drivel - have followed, showing the fallible private sides of a formerly revered force. Many seruor army figures blame the rash of revelations on Sir Peter de la Billiere, the British ground forces Gulf War commander, who rushed into print the bestselling Storm Command. He was later banned from all special forces bases.

Enter Colonel Bob. As com-mander of the Cheshires in Bosnia, he wen a devoted fan club back home for his no-nonsense, all-British approach to local heavies. being often filmed telling them to "ge! out of the bloody way".

Editorial hitch

IT IS the taming of the beast for James Brown, the former editor of Loaded. The man who introduced us to the New Lad and took us to previously uncharted depths of vulgarity, is getting married. Staff at GQ, which he took over recently. are hoping that his wife-to-be will make an honest man of him. Since joining GQ. Brown has

made something of an impact. Staff

there recall his first shattering edi-

torial decision, namely to throw a

bottle of wine through a closed window. Ever-wilting colleagues des-cribe their editor's new regime as like working with a teenager".

Brown and his fiancée. Kaz, will be doing the business this month. As for the pre-nuptial arrangements, one problem remains. Just where will Brown find a venue for his stag night? "As soon as hotels find out who he is," a haffled friend says, "a prior engagement suddenseems to materialise."

■ Dull speeches frequently mark the UN's deliberations, But Mary Robinson, who stepped down last week as Ireland's President, won't be adding to the boredom factor in her new post as UN Commissioner for Human Rights, She revealed to me how, as President, she set up an carly-warning system against boredom in her speeches by putting her hushand's splutterings to a novel use. "He sits in the audience," she confided, "and if I'm going on a bit and people are getting restless, he gives a couple of sharp coughs. I get the message and stop talking."

No sparkle

PITY the people of Papua New Guinea who were about to experience their first-ever fireworks display. Now the Government has cancelled the show after a failed military coup and lears that explosions of any sort will spark the whole thing off again.

A disappointed Nigel Claydon of Dynamic Fireworks, the British firm hired to stage the £3,000 display, explains: "We were about to send off the consignment of 300 large fireworks. The Government is still a little nervy and will not allow into the country anything it suspects contains material that could be used as weapons - unfortunately, this includes fireworks."

Howzat?

BAD NEWS for Lahour. It was soundly thrashed by the Tories in a one-off cricket match at Aldermaston, Berkshire, yesterday. In the post-election revenge fixture, Lab-

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our was set for a fine innings. Tim Allan, the PM's press secretary, making an admirable 56. But a collapse followed

the side was all out for 124. Henry Billingham, former MP for Norfolk North West, upened for the Tories, but after a quick 34 runs retired, allowing his colleagues the chance for a swipe at their foes. Victory came rapidly, the Tories win-ning by six wickets. One player later observed: There was not enough spin in Labour's delivery."

● What's in a haircut? Keen observers of political style note that Ann Widdecombe has changed her look. While denouncing the Archbishop for his critique of monetarism, a blossoming Ms Widdecombe displayed a fetchingly swept-back hairstyle during a recent public appearance - this from the woman who answered impertinent questions about her Doris Karloff image by claiming she "didn't give a damn".

Shopping Liszt

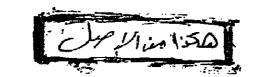
AFTER the sad loss of Hungarianborn conducter Sir Georg Solti. who died last weekend, comes news that his widow is to continue with her husband's light, until the last, to save his alma mater, the



Lady Solti: fighting on

Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest. threatened with imminent closure over lack of funding.

The academy was founded by Liszt in 1875, and included among its teaching staff the likes of Bela Bartok and Zoltan Kodály. Sír Georg's death looked likely to put an untimely end to efforts to save it from closure. Now it appears that the campaign will continue. Lady Solti says of the academy: "This is the fount of music education in the world. Such a fantastic institution should not be allowed to fail."



PRINCESS AND POLITICS

The easy part is over for Blair

As the earthquake of Diana's death subsides, politicians are venturing out to view the changed political landscape. Have they been caught in the collateral damage; have the plates shifted in their direction? First out yesterday was the Conservative leader William Hague, who accused Labour of "shabby politics" and "bad government" in seeking to take credit for persuading the Palace to change the Princess's funeral arrangements.

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It is easy to see why Mr Hague is annoyed. During a week in which political hostilities were suspended. Tony Blair won a significant boost from his position as Prime Minister. By christening Diana "the People's Princess", Mr Blair managed to ally her, not so subtly, with his party. By representing the public's views to the Palace, and then, when the backlash hit, defending the Royal Family against criticism, he rode the wave skilfully and earned plaudits in the process.

Mr Hague, by contrast, delivered a lame and somewhat soulless response to the news of the Princess's death, and his suggestion that Heathrow be renamed after her seemed out of tune with an age in which air travel is seen as mundane rather than thrilling. He must have been frustrated to be on the sideines while Mr Blair scored goals.

But that is the nature of politics. Life is riskier in government than in opposition. Ministers are at the mercy of "events"; but if they handle them well, they cannot be blamed for turning the fallout to their advantage. The art of politics is to seize a moment. If the Government is then able to bask in the resulting glow, so be it. The Conservatives had 18 years in this position; now it is Labour's turn. But if the past fortnight has been a good one for Mr Blair, the coming months and years hold dangers as well as opportunities.

The continuing advantage for him of the changed public mood is that he may be able to press modernisation further and faster. If he can cast the Bank of England, the trade union movement or diehard "old" Labour activists as representatives of an outmoded Establishment, he should be able to mobilise public support for his attempts to take them on. He has already used the trick at the TUC conference; he will doubtless reach for it again at the Labour Party conference.

But Diana symbolised not just the forces of progress against conservatism; she also wanted to be queen of hearts. When the Government stands firm against higher pay for nurses, when waiting lists lengthen and patients lie on trolleys in corridors, will ministers be all the more fiercely castigated for callousness? Translating compassion into policy almost always brings demands for money.

There are dangers too for both party leaders in managing the future of the monarchy. The Prime Minister in particular will find that the demands on his time are immense and the path perilous. If he mirrors the public mood and presses for the Princess's kind of monarchy, he risks undermining the institution and inflaming republican forces on his own benches. If he forms an axis against the Queen with the modernisers around the Prince of Wales, he risks splitting the Royal Family. If he is identified with whatever modernisation the monarchy undergoes, he may be blamed by one side for letting it go too far and, by the other, for not going far enough.

Mr Hague, meanwhile, must be reluctant to follow the traditional Tory line that whatever the Queen has done is right. He knows that there is only a small and shrinking constituency for this view and that he risks being marginalised in this, as in so many other, areas. Yet his most fervent supporters would countenance no other stance.

For both men, moreover, this is a peculiarly personal matter. The monarchy is not a departmental issue; it has to be dealt with by party leaders. If it all goes wrong, no minister can be sacked, no department blamed. This may not yet be Mr Blair's Falklands War; it will still require immense reserves of tact, foresight and wisdom if he is to come out of it enhanced.

RIFLE AT THE DOOR

Republicans must prove that they belong in the talks -

The most significant talks on Northern Ireland's future for 75 years start today. The Government which presides over them is led by a man avowedly determined to modernise, not unbundle, the United Kingdom. Yet, if Ulster's stability within the United Kingdom is the goal, then one would not wish to start from here. The road to the all-party talks has had too many twists and turns to make the Province's pro-Union majority anything other than queasy.

The presence of Sinn Fein at the table with the IRA armed and defiant at the door is a remarkable concession to republicanism. On their journey to Stormont militant republicans have had their concerns addressed while democratic Unionists have been coerced into compliance. The temptation for Unionists to abandon a process which has only added to their uncertainties is understandable. But it would be poor politics to walk away now.

The Ulster Unionist Council vote to leave a decision on participation in talks to David Trimble and his negotiating team only emphasises how delicately balanced the arguments are. A principled boycott of talks with terrorists might initially hearten the Unionist grass roots. Taking a stand on the high ground would allow the entire Unionist family to unite. Having sought to move from pariah to statesman without having gone through the stage of honest participation in democratic politics, Gerry Adams is desperate to deny a genuine democrat like Mr Trimble the chance to show statesmanship. Instead, he longs for the opportunity to paint

the Unionist leader as the pariah. It is through Mr Adams's lenses that the

comments by a senior IRA figure in last week's Republican News should be viewed. Within days of Sinn Fein signing up to the Mitchell principles of non-violence, an unnamed member of the IRA Army Council declared it had "problems" with the principles. Sinn Fein and the IRA are a seamless robe. Whatever internal tactical debates the republican movement may have, its main propaganda sheet is no more likely to air dissent than was Brezhnev's Pravda. The interview was a calculated attempt to exploit legitimate Unionist cynicism about republican intentions and encourage those Unionists calling for a boycott. The threat of republican violence has already allowed Sinn Fein a disproportionate influence over Northern Ireland's future; it would be a sad irony if a murmur behind the balaclava now deprived Unionism of a voice at the talks table.

The next few weeks could provide Unionists with an opportunity to have Sinn Fein's commitment to peace tested. If Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness take refuge in equivocation and exphemism and Sinn Fein is incapable of accepting the principle of consent, then the question of whether Mr Trimble might talk to republicans face-toface becomes academic. What would be the point of a dialogue with those deaf to democracy's verdict? What would be the point of talks at all, if one party will not accept the bedrock principle to which all others subscribe? The onus this week should not be on Unionists to justify their stance but on republicans to prove that they are worthy of a place in talks. Ministers must ensure that the cocked rifle at the door does not deter them from their duty to democracy.

SOME TALK OF ALEXANDER

Who is the greatest general of all?

George Washington was the most important and successful general ever to bestride a battlefield - more influential than Napoleon, Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan or Caesar. That, at least, is the verdict of Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Lanning, a decorated American military historian, who has just produced a list of the 100 greatest military leaders of all time. His ranking, based on carefully argued criteria but essentially his own reading of history and strategy, is as contentious as the causes that the great generals championed. It will produce a clash of wills as bloody, a contest as titanic and sorties as crucial by the camp followers of this or that general as any that won the day on blood-soaked ground.

Few will quarrel with the top five nominated by Colonel Lanning, though his argument that without Washington there would have been no United States seems less a fearless charge down the road of history than a deftly executed manoeuvre to ambush the American book market. But most of those who make the top 20 would be on any considered list. Charlemagne, Cortes. Attila the Hun, Peter the Great and even General Dwight Eisenhower were undoubtedly military leaders whose exploits redrew many a boundary on the map.

Fewer, perhaps, would agree that Gustavus Adolphus, the Swedish king during the Thirty Years War, deserves to come in sixth. or that Hernando Pizarro, the Spanish conqueror of the Incas, should enter the list immediately after him. And Hitler, at 14, is a bizarre inclusion: not only were his orders, including the determination to hang on in Stalingrad, among the most disastrous ever given to fighting men, but if the politicians of the Second World War such as Stalin and Churchill are excluded, Hitler deserves no special mention.

There are other oddities. Why should Marshal Zhukov, the victor of Stalingrad, come more than 50 places below Eisenhower and 26 below Alan Brooke? Why is Eugene of Savoy, an Austrian ally of Marlborough, rated above the Duke himself, or John Fuller, the British military analyst, above Vo Nguyen Giap, the most brilliant and more

devastating Vietnamese strategist? Colonel Lanning has commendably not restricted his judgment to European and American heroes (though there are a disproportionate number of the latter); he gives prominent place to Sun Tzu, Tamerlane, Suleiman I and Shaka, the 19th-century Zulu king. But do Castro and Kim Il Sung really rate as great military leaders? And though Richard the Lionheart looks impressive outside the Palace of Westminster. did he not spend more time messing about in the Levant than fighting serious battles? No matter: the debate has been stirred. Those who would champion a general must first know what he did: they can start with Colonel Lanning's brief but racy notes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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and trial by media

From Mr L. M. Oliver

Sir, Your News in Brief report ("Teacher's suicide", later editions, September 9) gave a summary of the inquest into the death of the Director of Music at St John's School which, clearly, could only convey part of the

This teacher had been charged with possessing indecent photographs of a child. A day or two later the main television news and many newspapers decided the story was of such national importance as to be the main headline. The following day he committed

While one cannot condone the possession of indecent photographs of children (particularly by a school teacher), it is a summary offence, pun-ishable only by fine.

I suggest it was largely the manner in which the media handled the story that resulted in the teacher's death. One wonders if the coroner had his or her attention drawn to that aspect of

We are involved in a case where a man has recently been charged with assaulting a young girl between four and six years ago. He vehemently denies the allegations. His (and his family's) name and address have been published in the local press. This has resulted in paedophiliae material being put through their letterbox and damage to the property. Life has been made intolerable for the family.

Publicity following a conviction is one of the penalties for committing an offence, and so it should be. The traumatic consequences which so often follow media coverage of an unproven allegation ruin people's lives. The public may believe there is no smoke without fire. Is it right there should be such publicity before conviction?

Yours faithfully. L. M. OLIVER. Leslie Oliver and Co (solicitors), Shaftesbury House, 49-51 Uxbridge Road, Ealing, W5. September 11.

Siberian tiger's fate From Mr Pavel Fomenko

Sir, The decision by the Russian Government to increase its financial commitment to protect the Siberian tiger discussed in your leading article "Magnificent predators" (August 30), is welcomed by Western conservation organisations such as the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), which are already funding much of the anti-poaching effort. But the decision could be misleading.

Here in the Russian Far East this news is being treated with extreme caution. Vladimar Shetinin, head of Department Tiger toart of the region's ecological committee), who manages the anti-poaching brigades, is doubtful that this aid, whether from federal or regional sources, will be forth-

If Russia is serious about saving its tigers why is it that for three years the authorities have denied the brigades use of a radio frequency so that they can use communication equipment donated by WWF and others? The brigades have also been denied the right to carry arms to defend themselves against poachers, who are armed and extremely well organised. This has placed the lives of Mr Shetinin's staff at risk on several occasions. Surely, if Russia has the political will, these requests should be granted.

There is very little chance of Russia paying for its Siberian tiger conservation programme. The money would have to come from the same federal fund that has for several months not paid doctors, teachers and scientists in the Russian Far East. As a result teachers are now on strike.

Yours etc. PAVEL FOMENKO (Director, WWF-Russian Far East Office, Vladivostok), c/o Panda House, Weyside Park. Catteshall Lane, Godalming, Surrey. September 12

Animal welfare

From Mr Stuart Pattison

Sir, I agree with the entirely appropriate sceptical tone of Robin Young's ar-ticle (Weekend, September 6) concerning the RSPCA's ludicrous call for a ban on beach donkey rides.

The millions of working donkeys throughout the semi-arid parts of the world are the only form of transport and haulage that poor farmers and others have. These people would be a great deal worse off without them. Donkeys are constitutionally quite able to stand much more heat and dust than anything to be found here.

The real cruelty to animals is not found on Blackpool beach, but in the battery cages and broiler houses and pig "sweat-boxes" that provide cheap animal protein for consumers. The RSPCA has, quite rightly, condemned them when necessary on animal welfare grounds but, in my view, appears to lack the courage of its convictions when taking on the intensive-food industry. Many RSPCA supporters, when they opt for the too-cheap pig and poultry products in the shops, are endorsing with their purses the very production systems they condemn.

Yours faithfully, STUART PATTISON (Farm animal welfare consultant), Church Lane, Calstock, Cornwall. September 8.

Unproven charges CND challenged over MI5 claims

From Dr Julian Lewis, MP for

In April 1983 Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine and former minister Ray Whitney exposed the fact that most CND officers, executive council and elected national council members were also members of the Labour Party, the Communist Party, or other leftist groups. This disproved the claim that CND was politically non-

During the 1980s Mr Kent repeatedly acknowledged the decisive role of

the Communist Party in keeping CND alive in the "lean years" of the When communism collapsed, it

September 2.

New Forest East (Conservative)

Sir. The Vice-President of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND). Bruce Kent (letter, September 2), refers to "MI5-derived information ... used for party political purposes' in 1983. The truth is quite different.

I supplied the Conservatives with most of the information used by them in 1983. As explained in a letter in your columns on March 6, 1985 - which was never subsequently challenged -I neither needed nor sought assistance from the security service and I published similarly accurate analyses of CND election results in the following

Kent to exercise a little humility. Yours sincerely, JULIAN LEWIS, House of Commons.

emerged that the British Communist

Party had been kept alive during the

1970s by hundreds of thousands of pounds of secret KGB funds. Yet nor

even that revelation causes Bruce

From Mr Simon Clayton Sir. I am afraid I must question the logic of Professor Peter Harris's argu-

ment (letter, September 2). Without public accountability it is assumed that MI5 and MI6 are worthwhile and successful; their failings are only exposed on the rare occasions an operative breaks cover and

In the early 1990s the Peruvian authorities

stopped chlorinating their water supplies because of environmentalists' claims that

chlorine was carcinogenic. Cholera then flourished in the chlorine-free water, infect-

The message is that we must all

work hard to assemble enough of the

jigsaw for the true picture to emerge.

That is what the chemical industry is

doing, worldwide, in collaboration

with academics and governments on

the serious issue of endocrine

ing a million people and killing 10,000.

Sincerely SIMON CLAYTON, lbA St Peters Street, N1. September 2.

Pollution warning

From Dr Elliot G. Finer, Director General of the Chemical Industries Association

Sir, Greenpeace (letter, September 10) suggests banning materials which people want but which some suspect may be harmful to health — just in case. In doing so Greenpeace ignores the way that knowledge evolves: scientists come up with bits of the jigsaw which can create a totally misleading picture if we do not wait for enough pieces to fall into place.

This lack of quick answers is frustrating for us all, including public policymakers who are pressured to act now and ask questions later. An example of the "precautionary princi-ple" poorly applied was cited by Roger Bate. Director of the European Science and Environment Forum, in The Wall Street Journal Europe, (Septem-

modulation. If the research currently under way confirms that there is a problem, the industry is committed to act swiftly if the evidence points to synthetic chemi-

Yours faithfully. E. G. FINER. Director General. Chemical Industries Association Ltd. Kings Buildings, Smith Square, SWI. September 12.

Bubonic plague

From Professor D. M. Palliser

Sir. It is quite right for Ian Murray to alert us to the renewed danger of bubonic plague (report, September 5), but a pity that current medical research still has to co-exist with hoary myths about the past.
Plague in Britain did not fade be-

cause the Great Fire of London "destroyed the unhygienic conditions" in which it spread. The fire devastated the City, where

plague was becoming less virulent. but not the slummier outer suburbs, where mortality was much higher; and of course the fire could have had no effect on other towns still suffering in the 1660s.

No completely satisfactory solution has yet been offered, but any such ex-planation will have to account for the disappearance of plague from most of Europe, not just Britain, between the 1650s and the 1720s.

Yours faithfully, DAVID PALLISER (Professor of Medieval History), University of Leeds, School of History. Leeds LS2 9JT. September 8.

The personal touch From Mr T. Mannion

Sir, I read with alarm that Abbey National wants to encourage its Instant Plus account holders to use "hole-inthe-wall" machines or telephones to do their business rather than over-thecounter transactions (report, September 3), all in the name of greater use of technology and efficiency. Efficiency for whom?

Fewer customers entering branches will lead to a reduction in staff and the very important personal touch will be lost. A smile, a nod, someone to share a moment of fun or pain. I can only transact with a hole-in-the-wall. I cannot tell a machine that I am happy or sad or have a problem, and expect a personal response.

Stopped clocks

From Commander Owen Jenkins,

Soon after the Second World War

On arrival, I asked the guard the time of the last train back to Cobh.

He pondered, "Well now, about what time would you lads be wanting

Right then. Come and tell me when you are all aboard and then we'll be And so it turned out.

10 Elizabeth Court. Kirkley Cliff. Lowestoft, Suffolk. September 8.

Not for everyone From Mrs Susan Gaisford

Sir, The Arts for Everyone scheme mentioned by Richard Morrison (September 5; see also letter, September 10), has proved an expensive disaster in my case.

Having been assured that my laboriously prepared submission on a ballet project, which involved hiring a theatre, was "one of the best applications received" I awaited the decision with reasonable hope. I rang the Arts Council several times after the deadline (end of June) to be told that it was unable to discuss an individual case. By now, my project had reached a

critical phase, and I went ahead.
On July 23, I was advised that my application had failed: one of my referees had not supplied the necessary reference in time. The referee, from the Royal Academy of Dancing, as-sured me that he had supplied it well within the deadline and provided a copy, but the Arts Council refuses to reconsider the case.

Yours unhappily. S. F. GAISFORD, 2 Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke, Lincoln. September II.

In this age of greater technology, there is still a deep-rooted need for human contact. The need to be there and to do something, such as bringing flowers to London following the death

of Diana, Princess of Wales, is not only important but necessary. The Princess had that human touch and identified with the people she met, shaking hands with an Aids victim or sitting a child on her knee.

The outpouring of grief indicates to me that people of this country need. and indeed crave, the personal touch; technology can never be a substitute

Yours sincerely T. MANNION. 26 Amanda Road, Rainhill, Prescot, Merseyside. September 3.

Sir, My experience of Cork railway station is similar to that of Mr Lowndes's grandad (letter, September

our minesweeper was in Cobh harbour. On Saturday night a small band of us set off by train for Cork for a

About half-past nine," I chanced.

Yours faithfully, OWEN JENKINS.

Study in contrasts From Mr N. J. Inkley

Sir, The Archbishop of Canterbury goes to the TUC conference to champion employees' rights against their employers (report, September 10; let-ter, September 12). Meanwhile, he presides over the steady eradication of the parson's freehold and a synodical provision summarily to remove from office and disqualify churchwardens who do not fit in with their bishops'

It's a funny old world isn't it?

NEIL INKLEY, 6 Knot Lane, Walton-Le-Dale, Preston, Lancashire. September 12.

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Obscure Windows as objects of desire

From Mr David Garfield

Sir, In his article, "Snakeoil, software and Gates" (September 10; see also article, August 26 and letters, September Anatole Kaletsky joins the conspir-acy brigade who claim that Microsoft and Intel between them have cooked up an artificial demand for their wares by adding gimmicks to proces-

I have been a PC user since 1983 and have constantly been amazed at the increased productivity brought by improvements in software and nardware. I believe that added software capability and improved processor power have revolutionised many peo-

ple's working lives. Kaletsky wants market forces to bring down prices and stabilise standards, but hardware prices have already plummeted in real terms. A topperformance PC costing £3,500 two years ago is an entry-level machine

now, at less than £850. No one is obliged to upgrade his PC. The software continues to work irrespective of the price and performance of the machines in the shops. It is the desire for the latest and most productive that fuels demand, not Bill Gates.

A modern computer is, of necessity. an extremely complex apparatus. The processing power on your desk today many times that of a computer which was the size of a double-decker bus in 1960. There is no comparison with a television or a telephone.

Yours sincerely, DAVID GARFIELD, 29 Orchard Avenue, N3. September 10.

From Mrs S. G. Webb

Sir, I am a typist of vast experience. In the good old days, I would spend two hours taking shorthand and the rest of the day typing back anything up to 60 different letters of varying lengths. I have never been able to achieve more than 50 standard letters in a day using a PC. I put it down to all the time spent on naming and saving documents without, it seems, any real purpose. The paperless office is still a myth as, owing to numerous disasters, nobody

quite trusts the computer. The habitual PC user would never go back to the typewriter because, se-cretly, we all love the "spellcheck". However, the typewriter is still to be found in many offices, as many forms. particularly those used by the legal profession, have obviously been designed with the goose-feather quill in mind. It is difficult enough to load them into a typewriter and impossible

to use them in a printer. I agree with your correspondents (September 5) that we are still in the dark ages of IT technology, the users having to negotiate a tricky path between the Luddites, the break-

downs and the nerds. Yours faithfully, SUSANNA G. WEBB. 84 Buxton Street, E1. September 5.

From Emeritus Professor

Richard Goss Sir. Anatole Kaletsky should not be surprised either at the expense or the nature of his new Microsoft computer installation. As an economist he should know that the usual effects of a monopolistic position are high costs

and the inefficiency he has observed. Both are frustrating to the consumers. Thus, the instruction books veer from the patronisingly childish to incomprehensible techno-babble. Much of the system is badly designed, with numerous duplications, errors and inconsistencies. For example, mine tells me that "travelling" is misspelt unless it has a capital T, though it has no reservations about "travel" and "travelled".

Part of the trouble may be that, as much of this material is sold through shops or small computer firms, very little of this criticism is fed back to Microsoft. Without sufficient competition to induce reform, this may continue. What we need are systems which serve the consumers, sensibly explained. They will not appear until Microsoft learns something of how to

Sincerely, RICHARD GOSS, 1 Weir Gardens, Pershore, Worcestershire. September 6.

Over there

From Colonel J. A. Baker

Sir, Will someone explain to me how British Midland, or for that matter any other airline, can fly from Heathrow "to Europe" ("Rewarding Times", September 9)?

Yours faithfully TONY BAKER, Wykeham Lodge, 9 Harnwood Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire. bakertony@aol.com September 9.

Help needed

From Miss Diana A. Bond Sir. I am one of those obsessed with being in therapy (article, September 10). Is there anyone I can talk to about

Yours faithfully, DIANA BOND. The Garden Flat, 3 Heath Villas, Vale of Health, Hampstead, NW3. Sertember II.



COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE September 13: The Queen was represented by The Duchess of Kent at the Funeral of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Honorary Member of the Order of Merit. which was held in the Netall Indoor Stadium, Calcutta, India. this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 13: The Prince Edward. President. the Commonwealth Games Federation, this morning artended the official opening and the first session of the Federation's 1007 General Assembly at the Mines Beach Resort Hotel, Kuala

Lumpur, Malaysia Later His Royal Highness was Agong of Malaysia at Istana Negara and remaind to Luncheon. The Prince Edward this after-

noon toured the various venues for the XVI Commonwealth Games to be held in 1998 in Kuala Lumpur. His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception given by the Commonwealth Games Feder ation, followed by a Dinner given by Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin Bin Haji Mohd (Minister of Youth and Sports) at the Mines Beach

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 13: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Association of Wrens, this afternoon attended a reunion at the Royal Festival Hall, London

CLARENCE HOUSE September 13: The Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded the Lady Margaret Colville as Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The

KENSINGTON PALACE September 13: The Duke of Gloucester. Patron, this afternoon attended a Festival of Culture to mark the Fortieth Anniversary of the Pestakozzi Children's Village Trust, at Sedlescombe, East Sussex, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).

BALMORAL CASTLE September 14: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning. The Very Reverend Dr William Macmillan preached the

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 14: The Prince Edward. President, today attended a Commonwealth Games Federa-tion meeting at the Mines Beach Resort Hotel, Kuala Lumpur,

During the morning His Royal Highness presented medals to Commonwealth Games 10 kilometre runners and in the after-noon attended the final of the 10 aside rugby football competition.

The Prince Edward left Kuala Lumpur for London this evening.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 14: The Princess Royal today attended the European Championships at Burghley House, Burghley Park, Stamford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridge shire (Mr James Crowden).

Birthdays today

DEATHS

DARBY - Richard Nell Born 7th January 1957. Died suddenly 9th September.

suddenly 9th September. Beloved son of Harry and Shella and elder hoother of Reith Uncle of Emma and Shella and elder hoother of Reith Uncle of Emma and Sheok Employee of Lloyds Bank and friend of many. We will all miss him. Funeral et Redditch Cromatorina on Thursday 18th September at 2.00pez. Simple flowers only please, or donations to Sevenn Wildfow! Trust. All

please, or donations to Severn Whitfown Trust. All friends of Richard welcome to come to the funeral and afterwards to the Studley Road Social Club. All enquiries to Hudge Feneral Service, 11 William Street, Redditch. Telephone (01527) 66661.

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DETWECH - Prof. Bernard Clive.
Beloved husband of Ann,
dear father of Christine,
Susie and Nich. Died at home
on 11th September. Funeral
at Abergavswyth Crematorium
on 17th September at
2.15pm, Family flowers only.
Donations to Marie Curie
Cancer Care, Brecon Roed,
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ESDEN - On September 11th,
Jessle Margaret Chambers
sped 104. Funeral Service
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West Lydford, Somerset at
2pm on Thursday 18th
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FROST - On 12th September 1997 in Burnham-on-Sea War Memorial Hospital, Buth Mary (nie Inslay) aged 70 of Brent Knoll, Somerset, Widow of Philip Herbert Gilling Frost, much loved mother of Peter and Catherie, mother-la-law of Sarah and Charles, grandmother of Joe, Kress and Sen. Fuseral Service at 51 Michael's Church, Breat St. Michael's Church, Breat Knoll, ou Thursday September 18th at 11 am. Private cremation to follow.

September 18th at 11 as. Frivate cromation to follow. Family flowers only. Domatiness if desired for the League of Friends Burnhats War Messarial Hospital to Messars P.J. Barris Fansrai Directors, 7 Cross Street, Burnham-on-Sea, tel: (01278) 782886.

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GREEN - Marie
(Rivi Jackman) Grenngeary,
County Dublin. September
12th 1997. Peacefully at
Glangara Park Nursing
Hotne. Widow of James EC,
mother of Sister Carolyn
SHCJ, Michael, Francesen
(Fenwick), Kensey and John.
Much loved mother, mother,
in-law, grandmother and
triend. RIP. Bemoval today
Monday to St Joseph's
Church, Glasphule arriving
dopm. Funeyal tomorrow
Tuesday after IQuin Mass to
Glaspewin cometery.

1868/FELD - Pracefully at her

Glaphevin countery.

1864/HELD - Peacefully at her home Boaford on September 19th aged 94. Gwen, daughter of US Highfield, stater of the late Run, much loved Aum of Bul and counts of Barbara (deceased), Paggy, Martyn & Roger, Enquires regarding funeral arangements Tel: 01635 522210.

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HODON: - Marmaduke Storz, Captain RD. EVER vet'd aged 87 died 12th September at Fligrise's Hospice, Mangata, Righting vellantly to the has but now at peace. Hourned by Margaret his wife, daughters Margaret, Anne and Catherine, sons-in-law Graham, David and Paul and gandchildren Tristan, Bun, Edward, Jennifez, Surah and Dominique, Funeral at Si John the Baptist Church, Margate, on Thursday 18th September at 1315 followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired the Fligrim's Hospice, Thanst, clo Gore Brothers, Margate.

Prince Henry of Wales is 13 today. The Rev Professor P.R. Ackroyd. theologian, 80; Mr Richard Arnell. composer and conductor. 80: Mr Charles Bone, mural and watercolour painter, 71: the Mar-quess of Bristol, 43: General Eva Burrows, former international leader, Salvation Army, 68; Mr T.J. Duggin, diplomat, 50; Lord Eden of Winton. 72: Professor Brian Fender, chief executive. Higher Education Funding Coun-cil for England, 63; Dr Richard Gordon, author, 76: Lord Harris of Peckham. 55: Professor Norman Mackay, President, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 61; Miss Jessye Norman, soprano, 52; Viscount Norwich, 68; Mr Glen Renfrew, former chief executive, Reuters, 69; Sir Clive Rose, diplomat, 76; Lord Justice Schiemann, 60: Lady Soames, 75: Mr Oliver Stone, film director, 51; Sir Peter Studd, former Lord

Salt is good; but if salt itself becomes testeless, how will it be seasoned? It is useless either on the land or on the dungheap; it can only be thrown away. Luke 14:

COLLIES - On September 11 to Alan and Eate a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, a sister for Eatle and George.

DREW - On September 8th 1997 in Athens to Justine (née Euster) and Jason, a son (Jack William), a brother for Charlie.

FLORENCE - Densice proudly amounces the arrival of her beautiful daughter, Miss laabella Lavinia de Havilland Florence, also to be known as "Tibby" Born 7th September 1997 at the Queens Bospital, Buston-on-trant weighing 7th 10cz.

GRAHAM-CAMPSEL - On 11th Soptember 1997, to Henrietta (nie Heneuge) and Robert, a daughter, Emily

LUZ-KESSELMAN - On September 11th at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, to Anne-Marie (née

NEISH - On September 11th 1997, to Sarah (née Rughes) and Edward, a daughter Lucy Mira, a sister for Rettle.

RADICE MORRAS - On September 10th 1997 in London, to James and Marian, a daughter, Ann.

WHIPPLE - On September 5th, to Fallipps and Sam, a son, William John Edwards (Will).

WOOD - On September 8th, to Shaon and Lucy, a droghter, Elizabeth Anna, a sister for Archie and Erica.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

AMOROUTEOFOULOS - Dennis. Ruphend of Valerie, father of Lucinda, Michelle, Georgie, Zee and Micheal, died in Corfu on 10 September 1997 after a phort Illness Fleace no flowers, but densiations to shelter, 68 Old Street London ECIV 9BU.

BRIGGS - George died peacefully on September 6th aged 85 years, a dear husband to Audray and father to Michael and

Angels Som in Derwen, and with many years in the Bristol area, the latter 25' years were lived happily at Windorne in Donet. Private

CLEMENTS - Frank A. (Sumple), died peacufully at home or September 10th aged 84 years. Much loved father and grandfather who will be sorely missed by his family and friends. Funeral service at Putent Vale computation.

CURBOUS - George of Sale, Manchester, passed away peacefully on September 10th Much loved and sadly

missed by Georgiaa and Nichard grabdsons Radioy

Fichard, gradsonis Hadley and Courtney, family end friends. Funeral 10.45 am St Marcy's Church, Sale, Manchester, September 17th. No flowers. Donations

to Cancer Research of

at Pulpey Vale cres

DEATHS

BIRTHS

Mayor of London, 81; Mr Graham Taylor, football manager, 53; Mr George Walden, former MP, 58; Sir Richard Way, former Prin-cipal, King's College London, 83; Sir John Williams, former dip-

Service reunion Association of Wrens

The Princess Royal was the guest of honour at a reunion of the Association of Wrens, held on Saturday at the Festival Hall.

More than 2300 members attended, and the guests included Countess Mountbatten of Burma. Captain Pippa Duncan, RN. Brigadier D. Wilson, RM, and the Ven Simon Golding, Chaplain of the Fleet. Miss Daphne Blundell, President of the Association, presided

MACLEOD - Neil on Se 6th after a short Puneral at All Saints

runman at All Safata Chutch,
Farringdon, Hampahire on
Thunday 18th September at
11.30am.

MATTHEWS - James Crawford
(Jim) on September 12th
pescerully at Edemball Marle
Curie Hospica, Hampatand
in his 57th year. Beloved
sidest son of Mary and Fred
(of Abendeen), dear brother
of Nigel, Mill, Rosemary and
julia, Much respected and
highly admired Deputy
Director of BCS. Requim
Mass at St Joseph's,
Highgate, London on
Thunday September 18th at
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MIRRIELEES - Jeanale died

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MIRRIELES - Jeannie died peacefully at Salisbury District Hospital after a short finese aged 78. Dezhy loved wife of the late Freddie Mirrialese, mother of Malcolm and grandmother of Charlotte and Rebecca. Fuheral Service at 12.30 pm on Friday 19th September at Amenbury Parish Church. Flowers to Gerald Bunden, 37 Church Street, Amenbury, Wills. sei: (01980) 623262.

Witts rei: (01980) 623262.

MORRIES - Graham Paul. Died on 12th September 1997, aged 44 years, after a courageous year long struggle against Hyelotna. The loved husband of Helen and death loved father of Guy, Hugh and Euan Respected Barrister and Amatsunt Econder Service at Reston Parish Church on Wedenschy 17th September at 2-15pm and thereafter, private family burdal Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Leuksemia Research Fund or the Barristers' Benevolent Association. Enquirem to the funeral director Heary Nomma, the Cross Nestun, South Wirral 164 9UB. Tel: 0151 336 4184

PETIER - Evelyn (Ive) Mary, nie Leabey, peacefully in hospital, on 9th September 1997. Greatly loved wife of Michael and wonderful mother of Hospi and John. The funeral will be held at St. Augustine's Parish Church, Churchfields, Benshoume at 1,30 pm on Tuesday 23rd September. Family Gowen only plane. Dunations may be sem to the Arthritis and Rheumatiam Gouncil for Passanto (AEC) to 45 St. Richael's Rend, Bronboume, Herts, Evil 7 PM.

RANDELL - Sixter Mary Gertrude(Dr Elisabeth Catherine Randell, LMSSA, MS BS). Peacefully in Nottingham on Lith September 1997 aged 36. Requieth Mass in the Chapel, Navareth Homes Peace

Require Mass in the Chape.
Reserved House, Prior street, Old Leaton Mottingham at 10-30am or Friday 19th September followed by butist at Wifer Rill. Family Howers and please. Domations it wisher

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IN MEMORIAM -

THOMAS - Francis Stewart (Frank) September 15th 1971. All my love always.

MGURTFORD - In loving memory of Sir Jumes Frederick Mountford, Vice Chancellor of Liverpool University (1945-1963) who was born 100 years ago today.

PRIVATE

Cambridge Tutors College, Croydon

Term begins today at Cambridge Tutors College with 203 students on roll. 45 of whom have joined on first-time A-level courses this term. A further cohort will join the college in January for the accelerated 18 month A-level course. Mr David Lowe has succeeded Mr David Wilson as Principal, An Open Evening for prospective students and their parents will take place on Wednesday, October 29, and further information is obtainable on 0181-688 5284. The Science Foundation Year Course operating in conjunction with kings College London has its highest number of students to date. 13 major and minor scholarships have been granted to a range of able students. Rag Day takes place on December 18 and term ends on December 19.

Caterham School

The Autumn Term began on September II and ends on Friday, December 17. Head Boy is Graeme Coates. Head Girl and Captain of Netball is Elaine Dunwoodie. Captain of Girls Hockey - Laura Keen, Captain of Lacrosse -Rebecca Humber. Captain of Rugby is Ewan Turney. The new Sports Centre is now in full operation. The Stephen Smith Room will be opened on Friday, October 10. Open Mornings will be held on Saturdays, October II and November 8, 6th Form Open Evening will be held on Wed day, November 19, OC Day will be on Sunday. November 9, when there will be a reunion lunch for all 1950s leavers. Contact the school for further information. The Drama production Animal Farm will be performed on December II. 12 and 13, and the school Carol Service will be held on Sunday. December 14.

Wymondham College, Norfolk

Term begins today at Wymond-ham College. The Head Girl is Gemma Fuschillo and the Head Boy is Tom Holt. The Founder's Day Service will be held on Sunday, November 16, at 11.00am with the visiting preacher the Bishop of East Anglia, the Right Rev Peter D. Smith. The College production of *Grease* will begin on December 4 with the final performance on December 7. Open Days this term are on September 27 October 18 and November 15 with an Open Evening for sixth formers on October 23.

Appointment

Professor Alfred Smyth, Master of Keynes College and Professor of Medieval History at the University of Kent at Canterbury, to be Warden of St George's House, Windsor Castle from January 1,

THANKSGIVING

JOHNSON - A Service of

Stephen (Stevie) Johnson will be held in the Oxner Kirk, Jedburgh, on Saturday October 4th at 2.30 pm.

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Cintronella, Alabama, 1898 Thomas Wolfe, novelist, Bal-timore, Maryland, 1938; Anton von Webern, composer, Minersill, Austria, 1945: Erich Mendelsohn, architect, San Francisco, 1953: Willy Messerschmitt, aircraft designer, Munich, 1978.

The first latal railway accident occurred when William Huskisson, MP, was killed at the opening of the Liverpool-Man-chester line, 1830. The Russian Republic was pro-claimed with Alexander Kerensky

as Premier, 1917. The first robot made in England was demonstrated at the Model Engineering Exhibition in London

Royal engagements The Duke of York will attend the Music for Montserral concert at the Albert Hall at 7.30.

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The Duchess of Gloucester, as President, Royal School of Needle-work, will visit the exhibition 125 Years of Excellence, to mark the 125th anniversary of the Royal School, Hampton Court Palace, at 3,15; and will visit the Royal Cambridge Home for Soldiers' Widows, 82/84 Hurst Road, East Molesey, Surrey, at 4.00.

Forthcoming marriages

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The engagement is announced between Harry, eldest son of Mr David Hart. of Chadacre House. Shimpling, Suffolk, and Ms Karin Weis, and Tasmia, daughter of the late Mr David K. Power, SQA, OBE, and of Begum Zaharat Power-Clare, of Southgate House, Norwich.

Mr L Holder and Miss K.R. Densham

The engagement is announced between Liam, eldest son of Mr Brian Holder and Mrs Carol Holder, of East Sussex, and Katherine Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Densham, of Brockley, Bristol.

Mr C.C. Morgan and Ms M.J. Exton

The engagement is announced between Charles Cennydd, son of Mr Geoffrey Morgan, of Waltham Chase, Hampshire, and the late Mrs Wendy Morgan, and Mau-reen (Mo) Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Paffett, of Medstead, Hampshire.

Mr E.L.F. Musson and Miss A.M. Cooper

The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.D.F. Musson, of Nether Heyford, Northampton-shire, and Arabella, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Cooper, of Shalford, Surrey.

Mr C. Stewart-Smith and Miss K. Hamilton The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr Geof

frey Stewart-Smith, of Ashe, Hampshire, and Mrs Kay Stewart-Smith, of Wimbledon, and Kirstie, daughter of Mr Mark Hamilton of Auckland, New Zea-land, and Mrs Elizabeth Hamilion, of Tamahere, New Zealand.

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Mr T.S.A. Lowther and Miss V.M. Whately The marriage took place on Salurday at St Rumbold's Church, Pentridge, Dorset, of Mr Thomas Pentridge, Dorset, of Mr Thomas Lowther, son of the late Captain the Hon Anthony Lowther and of Mrs Lowther, of Penrith, Cumbria, to Miss Victoria Whately, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Whately, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, The Rev R. Wood officiated The Rev R. Wood officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Keswa Aboah, Adwoa Aboah, Lily Ashley and Goy Column Droare Mr Edward Will Coltman-Rogers. Mr Edward Wilson was best man and the honey moon will be spent abroad.

Mr H.P. Hope Frost and Miss L.W. Wigan

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Glencarse, Tayside, of Mr Henry Hope-Frost, only son of Mr. Tim Hope-Frost and Mrs Linda Hope-Frost to Miss Leila Wigan; only daughter of Mr Christopher Wigan and the Hon Mrs Caroline Best. Canon Kenyon Wright officiated.

marriage by her father, was attended by Arthur Best, Annabelle Staib, Billy Henson and Miss.

Emily Hope-Frost. Mr Paul Gazzard was best man.

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A reception was held at Rossie Priory and the honeymoon will be spent in Bali. Mr M.A.N. Tomlin and the Hon Susan Craig

The marriage took place on Sat-urday at St Mary's Church, East Raynham, Norfolk, of Mr Michael Tomlin, son of Mr and Mrs C.S.N. Tomlin, son of Mr and Wissenson
Tomlin, of Binham, Norfolk, to the Hon Susan Craig, daughter of Lord and Lady Craig of Radley, of Park House, Helhoughton, Norfolk. The Ven Anthony Foottit and

the Rev E. Bundock officiated. The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emily Bacon and Miss Suzie Whicker, Mr lan Pearson was best man, and a reception was held at the home of the bride...

Dr A.J. Slingsby and Dr C.J.D. Bush

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, August 30, 1997, at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster, West Sussex, of Dr. Andrew Slingsby, only son of Mr and Mrs John Slingsby, of Retford, Nottinghamshire, to Dr Cathryn Bush, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Bush, of Warningcamp. Arundel, West Sussex. The Rev John Slegg officiated.
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OBITUARIES

Robin Skelton, British-born

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oct, storywriter and latterly self-

styled witch. Robin Skelton

taught English literature at the University of Victoria, British

He was certainly one of Canada's most

industrious literary figures. In the years after his arrival in Canada from Britain

he produced a steady stream of work:

folumes of verse; short stories; a play;

critical and biographical works; and

editions of other poets. But the jury is still

out on whether a poetic voice which had been nurtured in the North of England

really survived transplantation to an

Skelton had begun writing verse in the

Movement" manner of the 1950s, exem-

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Canadian poet, died on on August 27 Columbia, from 1903 after a lecturing career at Manchester University. He was ubsequently founder of the creative or one had to riting department at Victoria University and was its first director and finally hairman

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fate of his great estate may suggest, recent years have not 5.000 - :---ny's winemakers, and it is only by entering into partnership with big corporate investors that several of the oldest aristocratic estates have survived at all: others have been put up for sale. Matuschka-Greiffenclau's pride would not ailow him to follow that route. He refused, he said, to be turned into a glorified doorman, politely greeting visitors to a house that had once been

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Church news

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The Rev Michael Ratcliffe, Vicar, Oswaldtwistle St Paul (Blackburn): to be also Rural Dean of Accrington (same diocese). Canon John Saunders, Priest-in-Charge, Horsmonden, and Area Secretary (SE England) SAMS (Rochester): to be Vicar, Gillingham St Mark (same diocuse). The Rev Christopher Walker, Vicar, Chatham St Stephen (Rochester): to be Rector. Chislehurst St

Nicholas (same diocese).

had been seen as the lush romanticism of the poets of the 1940s. In Skelton's case this was underpinned by his upbringing in the East Riding of Yorkshire, a hard favoured terrain whose inhabitants instinctively react against displays of emotion. It was reflected in such lines as:

Lost in the ordinary street, he turned and stared up at the ordinary blinds. and knocked, half-hearted, at a peel-

not that he thought he'd learn from the rephy, or even that he'd know to tell them why he'd come this way, or what his walk

This was quintessentially the Move-ment "voice". Indeed, in its extreme, inward-looking nature, it might almost have been a parody of the genre. Therefore, when, in 1963, with dozen volumes of verse behind him, Skelton announced that he was making his life in North America, his following wondered how this resolutely scentical

would find literary life in the wide open spaces of his adoptive country. The problem certainly did not seem to worry Skelton. His spirit expanded into the open spaces, deriving sustenance from the land and its past. He became an active witch, practised a range of traditional

poet, well-established in mid-career,

rites and performed exorcisms. There was a fresh mental "zip" to his This was a calculated riposte to what verses, too. Introversion he put behind

landscape, and to the less cluttered inscape of its peoples' minds. His line became shorter, simpler and, some thought, more energetic. Even when returning to the past to contemplate, for example, his ageing mother, he seemed to

him and he responded to Canadian

derive strength from the experience. Her children around her, she holds up an open book, It shows us she can read.

ROBIN SKELTON

this yellowing picture gave her face a stubborn look. self confident and brave.

His English admirers found this sort of thing factitious. But this was a perhaps predictable response. For him and his Canadian following it was a direct result of the new "freed-up" atmosphere he breathed.

However, having "stepped" across the Atlantic, he did not turn his back on Europe. Ireland, in particular, had always interested him. In the early 1960s he had edited Six Irish Poets, drawing attention to men like Thomas Kinsella and John Montague. In the 1990s he was writing poems which acknowledged both Irish verse rhythms and those of Irishmen who write in English.

Robin Skelton was born in Easington on the North Sea coast of Yorkshire, and educated at Pocklington Grammar School, near York. From there he got a place at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he remained for the year 1943-14. But war claimed him and he was called up into the RAF, where he served in the ranks until 1947, by which time he was a sergeant. During his time with the RAF he served for two years in India where he turned himself into a proficient broadcaster, presenting programmes for All India Radio and, in particular, working on his verse speaking technique. He always claimed that the solitude of being at hoarding school and the relatively uncongenial atmosphere of the war-weary RAF had turned him in on himself and provided him with his most powerful

impetus to write verse. After this he resumed university studies, but this time at Leeds, where he graduated in English in 1950 and took a Master's in the following year. In the meantime he had found work as dramatic critic for the Leeds Union News and he also founded a small publishing firm which was devoted to the publication of

poetry in pamphlet form. He had to drop these activities when he went to Manchester University as an assistant lecturer in English in 1951. But he still wrote dramatic criticism, this time for the Manchester Guardian, as it then was. He also helped to found the Peterloo Group of Poets and Painters and the Manchester Institute of Contemporary Arts. He was appointed a lecturer at Manchester in 1954, a post he held for nine years.

But in this period he had spent the year 1962 as a visiting professor at Victoria College, British Columbia, which was just about to acquire its charter as the University of Victoria. The young institution appealed to him and he determined to throw in his lot with the intellectual life of the country.

Energies which he had felt were stilled in England were given free rein there. Besides, he had for some time sensed a relative slackening in his creative energies as a poet (it did not endure) and he was happy to diversify into other spheres. He in 1994.

wrote art criticism for the Daily Times of Victoria. He had begun to make collages while still in England and he now redoubled his efforts in this direction. touring a selection of his work throughout the western provinces of Canada.

In addition to Synge, Years became a major interest. Skelton organised an exhibition of books, manuscripts and prints at Victoria University, entitled The World of W. B. Yeats, and co-edited a symposium of the same name. In 1965 he ectured on Yeats in Dublin, and at the Sligo International Summer School. An assiduous entrepreneur of the arts.

he founded the Malahat Review in 1967. the year in which he also founded the Creative Writing Program at Victoria University. He was its director, 1967-73. and chairman of what had by then become the Department of Creative Writing, 1973-76. These activities, and the impetus to exploration of the poetic process they involved, gave a boost to his poetic creativity and he published prolifically again from the 1970s onwards.

Skelton liked to affect an exotic appearance, to go with his new spiritual expansiveness. This involved a cape and black hat and he also sported a variety of huge rings on his fingers. As a teacher, his infectious enthusiasm is remembered by generations of students.

His first marriage, to Margarat Lambert, was dissolved in 1957. In that year he married Sylvia Jarrett. She survives him with their two daughters. Their son died

ERWEIN GRAF MATUSCHKA-GREIFFENCLAU

Erwein Graf Matuschka-Greiffendau, German Vollrads, a fine old house set winemaker, committed high above the Rhine amid suicide on August 19 aged woods and 50 hectares of 58. He was born on vines, only after his elder November 14, 1938. brother had declined to do so on the death of their father in 1977. Until then he had worked as a marketing man-

COUNT Matuschka-Greiffenclau was the owner of one of ager for Olivetti in Germany. Germany's oldest and bestknown winemaking estates, A forceful, charming and energetic man, 6ft 4in tall, with a and a prominent champion of his country's wines. His fampassion for driving fast cars, ily had tended vines at its he set about his new tasks with Schloss Vollrads property. gusto. above the village of Winkel in His marketing skills proved the Rheingau, since the beginuseful at a time when fine ning of the 13th century. On German wines were strug-August 18, after several years gling in an increasingly of financial trouble, the escrowded world market. In the tate's local bankers began 19th century the best German bankruptcy proceedings agrieslings, especially those of

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Erwein Matuschka-Greif-

the vineyards.

the Rheingau, had been among the most highly regarded (and expensive) wines in the world. They were specially prized in England, with London merchants of the 1890s listing Rheingau wines he price of the most expensive champagne, and 25 per cent more than the first growth claret of Chateau Lafite; only the luscious wines of Château Yquem could equal

the Germans for price. But by the time Matuschka-Greiffenclau took over his family's estate, good German wines were undervalued in both real and relative terms. and not easy to sell outside the domestic market. Part of the fault lay with those German producers whose eagerness to meet international demand for cheap sweet wines had led them to flood the market with what tasted like (and somewhole. It was a process that times was) a blend of grape juice, syrup and domestic cleaning fluids: the country's

fenciau took over Schloss wine laws were rarely very much help.

Serious German winemakers could do little to stem the tide of industrial liebfraumilch. What they could do and what Matuschka-Greiffenciau notably did - was try to convince discriminating drinkers around the world that the best German wines were still on a par with the best from anywhere else.

In 1984 the count was a founder member of the influential Charta group of growers, who argued that the natural style of Rheingau rieslings was, historically, dry. A range of steely dry wines came to dominate the Schloss Vollrads range. But he was also keen to

show how even the great sweet German wines could match a surprising range of foods. He travelled widely with his wines, personally persuading restaurant owners to add eir lists. He em to the owned one of Germany's best restaurants, the Graves Haus in Winkel, located in what is thought to be the oldest stone house in the country; there, and in another restaurant at Schloss Vollrads itself, he was able to show his wines to best advantage.

The count served as president of the Rheingau Wine Association from 1986 until his death, and from 1978 to 1990 was president of the Association for German Quality Wines. There were those, however, who thought he put too much faith in marketing and expensive cellar technology. Several critics in recent years had claimed to detect a fallingoff in the quality of Schloss

Major O. S. Masefield,

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Owen Stephen Masefield

was born at Cheadle, Staffordshire, the youngest son of Dr W. G. Masefield. After gradu-

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in 1940, Masefield, like so

many of his contemporaries,

spent the first seven years of

his career in the British Army. From the OTC of Jesus Coll-

ability and good humour.



Vollrads wines (and in those of some other historic producers). Robert Parker, the American wine guru whose confident opinions carry such formidable weight in today's competitive market, was

ege, he passed through the

Royal Army Service Corps

training battalion at Bulford

camp to receive a commission

in the Somerset Light Infantry

with the 129th Brigade of the 43rd Wessex Division at Can-

terbury in 1941. He was ap-

pointed a staff captain at HQ.

129th Infantry Brigade in 1943

and deputy assistant adjutant

and quartermaster-general in

He landed in Normandy

eight days after D-Day with

the HQ, 185 Infantry Brigade

and, as Transport Officer,

RASC, fought with the Somer-sets at Hill 112, Mont Pinçon

and through the Falaise Gap,

to cross the Seine and join

Operation Market Garden op-

eration with the 30th Corps

before crossing the Rhine into

There, in due course, he was

Germany.

1944, with the rank of major.

MAJOR STEPHEN MASEFIELD

among those who latterly counted Schloss Vollrads among Germany's prominent

underachievers Erwein Graf Matuschka-Greiffenclau was married first to Countess Waldburg and

involved in the restarting of

the Volkswagen factory at

Wolfsburg, and had the satis-

faction of overseeing the build-

ing of the first car there after

From Germany, in October 1945, he landed with the 3rd

Division in Cairo, and went

on to Palestine, as OC 48th

Company RASC, returning to

Britain as regimental major in

After demobilisation he

joined the Territorial Army as

the DAA and QMG at HQ.

129th Infantry Brigade with

the substantive rank of major, serving from 1949 to 1959, and

then transferred to the Territo-

rial Army Reserve of Officers.

He had been appointed MBE

(Military Division) in 1945, and was raised to OBE (Civil

Division) in 1973 and CBE in

the war.

August 1940.

secondly to Sabine Neggert, a former skiing champion who died in 1995.

In civil life he joined the

in 1947 as assistant secretary

and rose steadily to become

chairman and chief executive

of the British Insurance Mar-

kets Trade Association and

chairman of the International

Motor Insurers Bureaux in

1966. Responsible for the inter-

national "green cards", he was chairman of the Council of

Bureaux from 1967 to 1983,

president d'honneur. He was

a keen motorist, and his duties

took him enjoyably to preside

at meetings throughout the

widespread bailiwick of the green cards and of other

mutual provisions to assist

motorists generally.
Stephen Masefield married

Betty Tipton of the Wrens in

November 1947. She and their

daughter survive him.

He is survived by the companion of his last years. Jutta. and by the daughter of his

Accident Officers Association

again brought success. By the middle of the 1950s

a rented area of Oswald Tillotson's truck dealer workshop at Burnley, Lancashire, the com-pany (with its maple leaf logo alluding to its founder's adopted home) mounted a storming assault on the rather hide bound British semi-trailer market. Through its first decade or more, which included

FRED DAVIES

Frederick William Davies, founder of the York Trailer Company died on August 21 aged 90. He was born on June 19, 1907.

FRED DAVIES founded what was to become the largest domestic manufacturer of trailers for Britain's road transport industry. He was actively involved in the commercial vehicle business for nearly all his working life, after joining the British subsidiary set up by the American truck builder Reo in 1929. He stayed with Reo for eight years and was the force behind its later successful expansion into key markets of southern

He subsequently became Latin American distributor for Fruehauf, the American trailer-maker, which 30 years later was to be York's main rival in Britain. Davies helped to into the principle of the articulated tractor/semi-trailer combination, with the slogan: "A truck is like a horse - it can pull four times more than it сап сагту."

Frederick William Davies was born in London and went to a variety of schools, leaving at the earliest opportunity. His early working life was some-what aimless, until at 21 he joined the Reo Motor Company, for whom he worked for eight years in Hammersmith and then in South Africa. He then spent two years in Central and South America, having secured an agency for Fruehauf Trailers.

At the start of the Second World War, Davies's British roots drew him to Canada where he enlisted in the Canadian Army. At the end of hostilities he became president of Canadian Trailmobile, a newly established offshoot of the Cincinnati-based trailermaker, where his enthusiasm

Davies was convinced that the best of North American trailer technology could be brought to Britain, making trailers less costly to manufacture and, crucially, lighter than tradi-tional British ones. In 1956 he founded the York Trailer Company. From modest beginnings, in

the move in 1957 to its first

factory at Corby, Northamptonshire, the company's key product was the Freightmaster van trailer, which pioneered "chassisless" construction, with characteristic ribbed aluminium sidewalls providing the strength conferred in rival van trailers by heavy I-beam mainrails. The name "YORK", cut out

- uniquely at the time - in stencil fashion in the rear crossmember (so that it would not be lost under later coats of naint) became an ever more common sight on British roads.

York's many other innovations included extendable trailers and fabricated fifthwheel couplings. The containerisation of sea freight saw York embark on a further venture, leading to the opening in 1969 of a new purposebuilt plant at Northallerton in North Yorkshire, where shipduced in great numbers.

Though he retained a home in Canada, Davies settled near Northallerton, which became the manufacturing base for the Freightmaster and then for York's big-selling platform-

trailer range. At its peak, in the mid-1980s, the plant employed some 600 people and was producing around 4,000 trailers a year, as York vied for market leadership in Britain with its longstanding rival, the then American-owned Fruehauf.

Fred Davies will be remembered as a shrewd businessman who understood better than most the requirements of the transport operator. Though he had a mischievous sense of humour, he demanded the utmost from staff and suppliers alike, and thus earned immense respect and

lovalty. He married Mary in 1946, but the marriage was dis-solved in 1968. He is survived by his second wife Joan, whom he married in 1970, and by three sons and a daughter.



Nature notes

MANY peregrine falcons are moving away from the cliffs to winter around marshes and lakes, or even in cities, roosting on pylons or tall buildings. They swoop down on smaller birds with breathtaking speed, the air rushing noisily over their half-folded wings.

Young buzzards are also drifting away from the moors to the lowlands. Along the coast, grey plovers are arriv-ing, some still in their silvery summer plumage, and greenshanks are resting on migra-

tion by quiet pools inland. Willow warblers on their slow journey south are coming into gardens to feed on elderberries: occasionally they sing softly, as they flit lightly from spray to spray. With the cooler nights, leaves are at last starting to change colour. marsh woundwort at the logespecially on the lime trees.



The peregrine falcon where the first winged seeds

are also spinning down. Conkers are falling from the horse-chestnuts; those that are blown down prematurely by the wind still have a few white streaks on the glossy brown fruit. Flowers still commonly in bloom include the mauve pincushions of field scabious and the tall purple spires of gy edge of lakes

The Gold Rush at the Tivoli. The Gold Rush, the new film in which Mr Charles Chaplin takes the leading part, was shown today for the first time in this country

vesterday at the Tivoli Cinema in the Strand. It to remain indefinitely and will not be see elsewhere until its run there is concluded. At easewhere until its run there is concluded. At each performance yesterday, there were packed audiences, the greater part of the new entertainment being received with uproarious laughter, and this popular verdict is probably the right one, for although the production shows no step forward in the technique either dy itself or of the humour of the leading actor, yet it is an excellent example of the "Chaplin method," which is still in a class by itself. The success of the film can be summed up in the fact that it reveals Mr Chaplin at his best, and this should be sufficient for all but the excessively

hypercritical. One of the drawbacks of this new comedy is that at the beginning melodrama and broad humour are so inextricably mixed that it is difficult to appreciate either. We are first shown the rush of prospectors to Alaska at the height of the "gold lever". There are some magnificient scenes here and the whole of the part is well done, but the producer seeks to change the mood of his audience rather too

ON THIS DAY

September 15, 1925 W. Carrier Const

One of the best-loved of the early Charlie Chaplin films found him sharing a hut in the wilds of Alaska with the fearsome Mack Swain.

violently: into the middle of these affecting scenes comes Mr Chaplin, in all his customary uniform of bowler hat, stick, and queer boots There are one or two incongruous afterwards, but on the whole the film grows more consistent as it proceeds, and the mour soon develops in the usual way.

In spite of his reputation as a comedian. Mr Chaplin is so good a dramatic actor that it is not surprising that he is tempted at times to show his versatility. In one past production, The Kid, the mixture of pathos and humour was quite effective, but here the mixture has not been quite so judiciously made. However, there is so much excellent comedy, after the

rather slow beginning, that this fault can easily be overlooked.

Mr Chaplin himself is as amusing as ever. His own comedy is so subtle as to be almost impossible of analysis, for it is the comedian himself, rather than the material at his command, that is most conspicuous. It is, therefore, a little difficult to select specific passages in which his genius is most evident. One part of the film, however, does remain in One part of the nim, nowever, does remain in the memory, and yesterday afternoon it was received with great enthusiasm by the on-lookers. It deals with the misfortunes of the hero of the film and his "mate" in a log hut, which has been blown by a gale on to the very edge of a cliff — and a little farther. This is not quite an original film situation, but in The Gold Rush it is most originally treated and for nearty a quarter of an hour it is almost impossible to stop laughing at the anties that are happening on the screen. Mr Chaplin, of course, is the central figure of the production, but he never unduly obscures his helpers in the company, whose acting reaches quite a high standard. The musical accompaniment is excellent and never obtrusive. All those who enjoy a hearty laugh should go to see The Gold of which one of the especial recommendations is that even when the humour is at its height it is never in the least vulgar

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Hague sparks row over Princess

■ The political truce over the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, ended abruptly yesterday when William Hague accused Tony Blair of making capital out of the tragedy. The Conservative leader accused Downing Street of shabby politics by briefing the media on the Prime Minister's advice to the

Judges to be denied free rein

■ The Government's plans for Britain's first Bill of Rights in 300 years will preserve Parliament's supremacy and deny judges power to strike down statutes that are inconsistent with human rights. But a key question in the White Paper for a Human Rights Bill, expected towards the end of next month, will be whether courts will be able to declare Acts of Parliament "invalid" if they are inconsistent with human rights Page 1

Dignity at No 10

Constitutional experts praised Tony Blair yesterday for behaving with dignity after the death of Diana. Princess of Wales. There was praise, too, for the way he observed the conventions governing relations between Downing Street and the PalacePage 2

A son is born

Three years after emerging from a gruelling regime of chemotherapy which left her infertile. Gill Garnham has a baby son. Frederick. ...Page 3

March of time

A senior American army officer has produced a controversial list of the hundred most influential military leaders of all time including Adolf Hitler and Saddam Hussein.

Handel museum

An extraordinary collection of Handel manuscripts and memorabilia has been acquired for aPage 5 new museum ...

Peace talks

For all the last-minute manoeuvring, the peace negotiations opening at Stormont today are widely seen as the best chance of resolving the conflict in Ulster since partition in 1921 Page 6 Assault law review

The much-criticised catch-all criminal law on assault is to be scrapped in a government review ...Page 8

Church anger at Blair

The Prime Minister's rejection of the Church of England's two candidates to succeed the Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, could strengthen calls for disestablishment.

Vetting Labour

A system of vetting all Labour candidates for the Scottish Parliament and the proposed Welsh Assembly will be a model for parliamentary candidates **Vichy secrets**

The French Government is to allow greater access to wartime archives, including details of cooperation between officials and

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Euro pressure

the Gestano...

Pressure has increased on Britain over the European single currency after European Union finance ministers decided to speed the .Page 12 calendar..

Revenge raid

Two Israeli soldiers were ambushed and killed in south Lebanon yesterday in revenge for the deaths on Friday for the son of an Hezbollah leader Page 13

Clinton minefield President Clinton has been ac-

cused by a former senior adviser of siding with President Castro of Cuba and Libya's Colonel Gaddafi by failing to join the global fight against landmines . Page 14

Dilemma without horns

Animal rights activists are trying to close America's only bullfighting school - where, instead of facing a raging buil. students armed with wooden swords fight an instructor waving a pair of horns and snorting loudly. The Humane Society claims this still desensitises people to the "cruelty actually suffered by a bull in a ring" ...



Three-year-old Bernice Graham from Surrey frames a shot at the annual parade of the British Morgan Horse Society in Hyde Park

BUSINESS

Share probe: The Stock Exchange is investigating share transactions in Stagecoach by the husband of Ann Gloag, its co-founder and . Page 48

Rail bonanza: Railtrack is set to anger the Government after revelations that it has made at least £200 million more from property dealing than it estimated in its flotation prospectus Page 48

Handout by BG: BG is to buy back El billion worth of its shares only a week after deciding to cut 2,500 .. Page 48

Pension boost: Scots could get improved pensions if the country's new Parliament decides to use its fiscal powers following last weeks "yes" vote on devolution Page 45

ALIS Endangered buildings: The World

Monuments Fund publishes a list of the 100 most endangered sites from Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado to the Alexander Palace in St Petersburg....

Final Proms: The Last Night of the Proms ended, predictably; while on the penultimate night Colin Davis conducted the Verdi Requiem in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales and Sir Georg Solti Page 18 Men of the moment: Oasis launch their British tour with a gig in Exeter that shows they have learnt

Poor start: The Royal Opera sets up shop in the Barbican with a disappointing production of Handel's Guilio Cesare

a thing or two about live per-

MIND AND MATTER

Sniff out romance: Scientists cannot agree whether human beings have the right equipment to pick up ... Page 15 the scent of lust.

Wrap it up: A nutritionist has a novel way to reduce litter - eat the .. Page 15 wrapper, too.. **FEATURES**

Awkward customer: Dr David Walsh stalks supermarkets in a personal crusadePage 16 Wise drinkers: Dr Thomas Stutta-

ford explains how moderate amounts of alcohol can help to ward off cardiac disease.... Page 17 LOTTERY NUMBERS

1, 2, 5, 31, 32, 40. The bonus ball was

44. Two ticket-holders won thePage 19 | jackpot of E9.1 million.

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

ARTS Richard Patterson and other young British artists go on show at the Royal Academy

LAW Does the Family Law ACI 1990 brovide benei protection against domestic violence?

half-hour suggested a glut, but they were followed by a scoreless next 60 minutes as Leeds United beat Blackburn Rovers 4-3 in a remarkable FA Carling Premiership game at Ewood Park...Page 25

the Great Britain three-day event team to retain its overnight lead and to win the European championship at BurghleyPage 27 Sport in schools: Dulwich College are looking forward to a rugby

Football: Seven goals in the first

Yorkshire at Headingley allowed Warwickshire to win the Axa Life League title with a comfortable 71run victory over Gloucestershire at Edgbaston Pages 28-29

Athletics: Liz McColgan lost her winner ...

Rosset, the third seed from Switzerland, in straight sets to win the President's Cup in Tashkent, his second ATP tour titleof the . Page 26 Equestrianism: A faultless final

Fox-Pitt on Cosmopolitan enabled

cess. They have five pupils playing for England at under-18 and under-. Page 40

Cricket: Kent's failure against

unbeaten record in the Great North Run when Lucia Subano, of Kenya. and Marian Sutton both finished ahead of her. Hendrick Ramaala, from South Africa, was the men's

Tennis: Tim Henman, the former Great Britain No l. beat Marc

showjumping round from William

and the path perilous Page 2 Rifle at the door

If Gerry Adams and Martin Mc-Guinness take refuge in equivocation and euphemism and Sinn Fein is incapable of accepting the principle of consent, then the question of whether Mr Trimble might talk to republicans face to face becomes ..Page 21

The American Kelsey Grammar

star of TV's Frasier, makes a debut on British radio in Book at Bed-

time (Radio 4, 10.45pm). A series of documentaries by emerging directors opens with Picture This Want.

Princess and politics There are dangers for both party

leaders in managing the future of

the monarchy. The Prime Minister.

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Some talk of Alexander Most of the generals who make Colonel Lanning's top 20 ranking would be on any considered list Charlemagne, Cortes, Attila the Hun, Peter the Great and even Eisenhower were military leaders whose exploits redrew many a boundary on the map......Page 21

COLUMN ... WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Scottish nationhood would be

strengthened — something most English people accept. Welsh nationhood would be confirmed and the English nation would be divided into petty regions Page 20

PETER RIDDELL So much nonsense has been writ-

ten about the creation of a new Britain that I have longed for a George Orwell to prick the plethora of pretensions...

If the young British artists had made their reputations challenging

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

establishment views, they increasingly found themselves with nothing to smash against____ Page 20

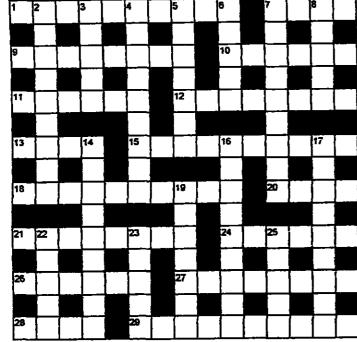
Robin Skelton, poet; Erwein Graf Matuschka-Greiffendau, German

winemaker; Fred Davies, founder York Trailer Company Page 23 LETTERS

Trial by media; M15 and CND: pros and cons of Microsoft Windows .

ROUGH

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 20,585



1 Youth gets a little money to cover

7 Line from European pottery centre showing skill (4). 9 Frantic protest gets murderer sent

10 Quiet conduct in one so forceful

11 Means of measuring the flow of juice (6). 12 Source of illumination for animal

transport reportedly going to fair : 13 Swallow hard as promotion's put back (4).

15 A son reading to secure University entrance - that's normal C3.7.

18 Support worker previously in service (h-1). 20 The way in which tree is lopped. initially (4).

21 Retreated from lines in the light of danger (8).

> The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzie No 20.584 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

24 Calls heard in court for release 13.31

26 Damage one M2 junction (6). 27 Shock treatment inflicted in religious orders? (8).

28 Way to meet the old viewer's complaint (4). 29 Bond sure to render me liable to

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ointment (9). 5 Squeeze making opponents for contracts buckle under (7).

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14 Walk for miles before East European turned up (9). 16 Fragrance of elder once scattered around (9).

17 Sauna made adjustable to an extreme degree? (2,7). 19 Listener who's critical of one's accounts? (7).

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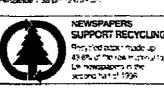
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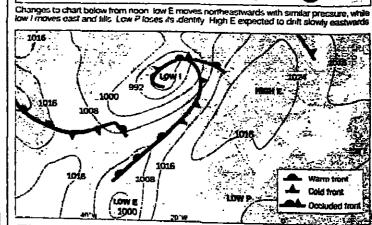
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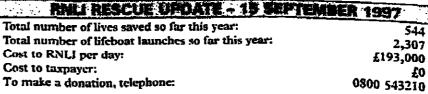
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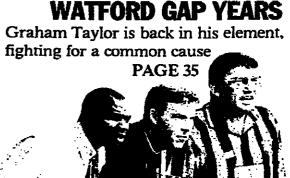
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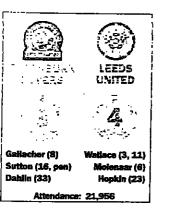


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ANOTHER GOAL SPREE EXPOSES ENGLISH DEFENSIVE FRAILTIES

Leeds bar Rovers' return to top



BY OLIVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THERE is something about Ewood Park this season that seems to spread a wonderful sort of defensive anarchy through its combatants. On their last appearance here, Blackburn Rovers crushed Sheffield Wednesday 7-2 to establish themselves at the top of the FA Carling Premiership. Yesterday, though, they lost their chance to Manchester United on Saturday when they were undone by 45 minutes of first-half madness of their own.

Leeds United, renowned as the most parsimonious of teams, might be unlikely partners for a seven-goal thriller but they played their part to the full yesterday. They went 2-0 up in the first six minutes. conceded two more before the game was a quarter of an hour old, then scored two more by the time the half reached its midway point. George Graham, the Leeds manager, and one of the game's defensive sticklers, admitted afterwards it had all sent a shiver down his

Home truths for Newcastle 32 Champions fail to hit peak..... 33 Birmingham slip up 34 Taylor's rehabilitation

To add to the general sense of chaos, the referee, Steve Dunn, booked seven players, six of them from Leeds, sent off the visitors' left-sided midfield player. Harry Kewell, in the 78th minute for the second of two trifling offences and ignored two penalty claims by Blackburn that even Graham admitted he thought appeared to be

"We came as close to winning as it is possible to do when you concede four goals," Roy Hodgson. the Blackburn manager, said. "But we played very well, we scored three and we are still second in the table. You have got to look at the positives."

Graham, predictably, had taken rather different messages from the goal glut. "We have lost the art of defending in this country," he said.
"There is a lack of good defenders
in the games I have watched so far. There is lot of hype about how great all these goals are. It might be great if you are a forward but it does not say much for the standard of defences."

The scoring had started in the third minute after Dahlin lost the ball in midfield and Hopkin hit a It was too good to last, though.



long ball towards Kewell on the left wing. With a deft touch, Kewell eluded the challenge of Valery and hit a high cross to the far post where Kelly rose above Hendry and directed a downwards header towards goal. Flowers could not hold it and when it spilled from his hands, Wallace poked it over the

Three minutes later, Leeds' second attack led to a corner. Kelly drove it in from the right and when it eluded two Blackburn defenders. it dropped to Molenaar, who volleyed it almost casually into the top corner of the net. "Ooh-aah Molenaar," the Leeds supporters sang through their happy disbelief.

A minute later, Molenaar fell from grace. Back in his central defensive role, the Dutchman met an innocuous deep ball hit hopefully towards the Leeds penalty area with a weak defensive header. It fell to Gallacher and the Blackburn forward took it on his chest and lashed a fierce drive past Martyn

from 25 yards out. After what amounted to a hiatus in a game like this, an eight-minute spell punctuated only by a shot from Dahlin that thudded into the pit of Martyn's stomach. Blackburn grabbed an equaliser. Dahlin took the ball with his back to goal and wriggled past Molenaar who brought him down as he headed towards the byline. Sutton

smashed the resulting penalty into the net for his seventh goal of the

With parity restored, Blackburn could have been forgiven for think-ing that they had regained the initiative but, in the seveteenth minute, Kewell, a fine left-sided midfield player from Australia, who will be 19 next week, went on a mazy dribble down the left flank before slipping a pass to Wallace. Wallace ran across the edge of the area and fired his right-foot shot unerringly into the roof of the

Blackburn net. Still, the two teams refused to let the frantic pace of the game let up. In the eighteenth minute, Dahlin was denied what looked like a clear

penalty when he was brought down from behind by Halle. To emphasise his disgust and make his point he flung his boot, which had been ripped off his foot, down

on to the floor. By the time he pulled it back on, Leeds were claiming a penalty of their own at the other end. Wallace outpaced Hendry down the right and as he shaped to shoot, Hendry lunged at him and did not appear to make any contact with ball as he brought him down. The referee

awarded a corner. Five minutes after that, though, a flick from Wallace in the centre circle started Hasselbaink off on a jinking run down the left. He held off the Blackburn defenders as they

were drawn towards him and then slid a ball across the edge of the area to Hopkin who was unmarked and with space aplenty. Hopkin steadied himself and fired his rightfoot shot across Flowers and into the bottom right-hand corner of the

In the thirtieth minute, Blackburn were denied another penalty when Molenaar, who was becoming increasingly rash and ragged and was booked for the last in a long line of fouls on Sutton, blatantly pushed Dahlin as he chased a bouncing ball. Again, the

referee waved play on.
Three minutes later, though, Blackburn gained some measure of compensation when Bohinen

hooked a low ball into the area and Dahlin turned Molenaar and hit a left-foot shot across Martyn and into the far corner.

After that, the second half was a desert of chances by comparison. Only Gallacher, who sidefooted Flitcroft's volleyed centre into the side-netting in the 78th minute came close to grabbing an equaliser. The damage had already been

BLACKBURIN ROVERS (4-4-2). T Flowers — Valery (sub* A Andersson, 82mm). S Henchez, Henchy, J Kenna — K Gallachier, G Fistcoli, Bohnen (sub * T Shensond, 71), J Wilcox (sub* Duff, 71) — C Surion, M Dahlin. LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2) N Marryn — G Halle, R Molenser (sub A Ribero, 46), D Wetherall, D Robertson —G Kelly, D Hopkin, L Radebe, H Kewell — R Wellace, J Hesselbank (sub: D Lilley,

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TENNIS

Henman is lifted by second Tour victory

FROM Uzbekistan to Dorset. the story of the rise and rise of British tennis is making people take notice. Yesterday Tim Henman won his second title of the year, and of his career, beating Marc Rosset 7-6, 6-4 in the final of the President's Cup in Tashkent. while Bournemouth was still talking about Greg Rusedski's promotion to the world's top ten, despite losing in the semi-

finals of the Samsung Open. Henman's win vindicated his decision to turn his back on the event in Bournemouth and avoid the slow clay that does little for his ranking or his confidence. After the disap-pointment of his second round loss in the US Open, a week of victories in Asia was just what the doctor, or at east his coach, David Felgate, ordered. "We discussed it before the US Open and decided then that, if Tim didn't do well in New York, we would come here," Felgate said. "It turned out better than we expected."

It also made up for Henman's loss to Rosset in a final in Antwerp earlier in the year. Broken in the opening game, Henman was struggling and within a point of going 3-0 down. He managed to hold on and then made the most of a couple of double faults from the tall Swiss to

level at 2-2. At 2-2 in the tiebreak, Henman won five consecutive points to take the set.

His confidence rising, he was always threatening the Rosset service in the second set, making the breakthrough for a 3-2 lead. From there, he held Rosset at bay to take the winner's cheque of \$54,000 (around £33,750).

If there was a downside, it was that Henman's ranking will remain at No 20 when the new list is issued today. "It's a shame he has not moved up in the rankings," Felgate said, "but he's attached himself to the group [top 20] and Hanover and the ATP Tour finals are still a target for us."

Rusedski is considerably closer to reaching the ATP Tour finals, in Hanover - the event for the top eight men in the world — despite losing to Carlos Moya 6-2, 6-2 in Bournemouth on Saturday. It was no more than he expected. With his goal for the week achieved by Friday morning. when he knew that he would be ranked in the top ten, there was nothing left when he faced the top seed.

Not that Rusedski was too worried about the loss. He was pleased to have been able to compete at all. He is now aiming for a few days off after



Henman dons Uzbek national dress as he accepts the President's Cup after his victory yesterday

spending the past seven weeks on the road. He will go to Munich next week to play in the Grand Slam Cup, which will increase his bank balance, even if it does nothing for his ranking. "Financially, it's good but there are no ranking points involved and any player would rather reach Hanover than Munich," Rusedski

"If I do well, great, if not I

won't be too disappointed. The indoor circuit is more important to me. It will be good to get back on the fast surface again. That way, when I serve an ace it doesn't come back at me with slice."

There was a fair amount of that yesterday in Bournemouth as Felix Mantilla won his fifth title of the year 6-2, 6-2 against Moyá. While Britain is revelling in the combined

Rusedski, Spain is continuing to take the world rankings by storm. They have 15 men in the top 100 and the match yesterday was the sixth time this year that two Spaniards have faced each other in a final. In the past 18 months, 21 ATP Tour titles have gone to

achievements of Henman and

In the end, Mantilla was simply too strong for his more

highly-ranked friend. Training partners at the national centre in Barcelona and regular practice partners, the two know each other's games inside out and, once the winner's spoils had been allocated — \$54,000 to Mantilla and \$31,830 to Moyà - there were few hard feelings. "You know where he's good and where he's weak," Moya said. "He was too good today."

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O'Meara admitted after-

wards that he had not been at

the top of his game all week,

but the one component he did

keep well-oiled was his short

It was just as well for him

that he did, because on the last

he again pulled his tee-shot

and came up just short of the

grandstand to the left of the

green. Sandelin, out of sight

but not out of mind, could not

If O'Meara had had to play the ball from where it lay, he

would have had little chance

of salvaging his par. However, with the stand impeding his

backswing, he moved to the

dropping zone and chipped

perfectly to eight inches. High

fives were exchanged with his

caddie, followed by the completion of formalities for a 69.

Six of Europe's Ryder Cup team made the cut here and

the best the home side could

offer was Lee Westwood, ried

for eighth, six strokes behind,

and Bernhard Langer, equal

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would give his team-mates a fillip for Valderrama, but he

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THREE times Mark O'Meara threw himself headlong into jail while playing the last three holes of the Lancome Trophy here yesterday. Each time he should have punished for his crimes, but each time he was reprieved, wriggling past the guards and under the fence to win the tournament with a total of 271, 13 under par.

O'Meara was one of two expensive visitors from the US PGA Tour to the outskirts of Versailles — the other was Greg Norman, who tied with Peter O'Malley for third place. two strokes behind - so the sponsors could not claim that they did not get their money's

Even if he had not gone on to complete a one-stroke vic-

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tory over Jarmo Sandelin, who had emerged from the pack on the last two days to set a challenging target of 12 under par, O'Meara would still have given the designer-chic folk who form the galleries at this tournament enough entertainment to have lasted them un mois entier rempli de

dimanches With Sandelin, playing two groups ahead, producing all sort of heroics to complete his last 36 holes in ten under par. O'Meara should, by all that is right and proper, have remained at no better than 12 under par after making an almighty mess of his drive on

the par-five 16th, casting it into trees on the left. He had almost no shot, but still managed to find one with his six-iron, squirting the ball

still 108 yards from the hole with a bogey looming; instead, outrageously, he pitched to 12 feet and holed the putt for the unlikeliest birdie he will ever So, 13 under and a shot

ahead, he could breathe again. but his drive on the 17th might have induced another respiratory interruption as he again hooked his ball into the timout on to the fairway. He was

LEADING FINAL SCORES

this time. He could. Again he found a gap, again he punched the ball through it with a six-iron and hit a pitching-wedge from 110 yards.

ber. Surely he could not escape

Although the ball did not bite as it should have, he made the putt from 25 feet to save par. Still 13 under, still holding the gallant Sandelin at

Martin stays at war

waged by Miguel Angel Martin seemingly against anyhody and everybody involved in the organisation of the Europe Ryder Cup team rumbles on (Mel Webb writes).

Martin is seeking financial compensation from the Ryder Cup committee for what he regards as his peremptory and premature dismissal from the Europe team after his refusal to play a round at Valderrama on September 3 to test his recovery from a

wrist injury. He damaged the wrist when playing in the Gulfstream Loch Lomond World Invitational the week before the Open Championship. He has not played a competitive round since missing the cut at the Open and has been recov-

Ken Scholield, the execu-

tive director of the PGA European Tour, said that lawyers from both sides had had a two-hour meeting on Thursday, "Our team had thought that the matter had been concluded, but Miguel's advisers contacted us later to re-open negotiations," he said.

ering from surgery.

"It's a great boost for my confidence and, of course, the

rest of the team will be pleased, but I don't think it is any great psychological blow for us," he said, Maybe so; but it most assuredly beats the skin off

Manchester Giants, his new

club will have to recover from

an inauspicious start.
The Giants' 77-76 home

deleat by Thames Valley Ti-

gers in front of an impressive

10.201 crowd in the Nynex

Arena was the big surprise of

the opening day. Under Bran-

don, who has succeeded Joe

Whelton, the Giants had

trailed for much of the game

before a third quarter hurst of

Michael Brown hit two

three-pointers during that

spell, but it was when the

guard had the chance of

making the game safe - with

his team up by 76-74 — that his

nerve failed him. With ten

seconds left, Brown wasted

two free throws and was

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MICK DOOHAN, of Australia, continued his recordbreaking 500cc motorcycling season when he won the Catalunya Grand Prix in Monumelo, Spain, yesterday. Doohan's win gave him 12 victories this season, beating Giacomo Agostini's record of 11 wins in the 1968 season. However, Doohan was made to work all the way by two local riders, Carlos Checa and Alex Criville.

Four laps from the end of the race, Doohan managed to squeeze his Honda in front and win his first Catalunya Grand Priz. "It's good to finally win here, but there were moments when I didn't think I was going to do it, with the two Spanish guys pushing so hard," he said. "I made one mistake in the closing laps, when my foot slipped off the mistake in the closing laps, when my foot slipped off the pedal, but I got away with it." In the 250cc race, Raif Waldmannof, of Germany, went back on top of the championship when he overtook Max Biaggi in the dying. seconds to win. Tohru Ukawa, of Japan, was third.

Hansen cashes in

ATHLETICS: Ashia Hansen, of Essex Ladies, set a Commonwealth record and extended her British record by 21 centimetres when she won the triple jump at the IAAF grand prix final in Fukuoka, Japan, on Saturday. Hansen, 25, jumped 15.15 metres to claim the first prize of £31,000. Wilson Kipketer, of Denmark, won the 800 metres in Imin. 42.98sec, a victory that gave the world record-holder the overall grand prix title, awarded to the athlete who earns the most points over the season. Astrid Kumbernuss, of Germany, won the women's overall title when she won the shot with a throw of 20.95 metres.

England retain title

BOWLS: An early defeat for the rink skipped by Robert Newman, the national indoor singles champion, proved to be the only hiccup on a triumphant weekend for England's junior bowlers, who retained the British under-25 team title at Llandrindod Wells yesterday. After losing to Kevin Harper, of Scotland, on Saturday, Newman improved against Wales and Ireland as England won 15 of their 18 rink matches, drew two and returned a surplus of 103 shots.

East Grinstead triumph

HOCKEY: East Grinstead retained the Hampstead and Westminster Challenge Trophy at Paddington recreation ground yesterday after fighting off a spirited challenge by Hounslow for a 3-1 victory in the final. Bhatti and Welsh, from a short corner, gave East Grinstead a 2-0 lead that was reduced in the second half by Gillman. Ortleib made the match safe for East Grinstead in the last minute. Surbiton beat Brooklands 4-2 in the play-off for third place.

Sheehan sets the pace

GOLF: Patty Sheehan scored a 65 to take a two-shot lead over Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, after the third round of the LPGA Safeco Classic in Kent, Washington. The American was on 202, 14-under-par. Sorenstam, the leading money-winner on the LPGA Tour, went round in 66 to move to 12 under, one stroke ahead of Karrie Webb, the defending champion, from Australia, who had a 71. Dale Reid, of Scotland, shot a 68 to move to 207.

India triumph

including that of Ramiz Raja, the Pakistan captain, for one, as India bowled out Pakistan for 188 to claim a 20-run victory in the first of five matches for the Sahara Cup in Toronto. Sachin Tendulkar was India's highest scorer and won the man-of-the-match award for scoring 52 before being stumped off Saqlain in front of a crowd of 3,000.

Majestic MacKenzie

MOTORCYCLING: Niall MacKenzie shrugged off the pain of a broken wrist to win his second successive British Superbike championship at Brands Hatch yesterday. MacKenzie won both races, while his only challenger for the title. Chris Walker, crashed on the final corner of the first race. Walker led for most of the second race, only for Mackenzie to overtake him with two laps to go.

Australian hat-trick

DUATHLON: Andy Pearce, from Bingley, and Fiona Lothian, from East Fife, finished ninth and tenth in the world championships at Gernika, Spain. Jonathan Hall, of Australia, won the men's individual title by more than two minutes and, Irma Herren, of Holland, won the women's championship. Australia won both the men's and women's

Dominant display

ORIENTEERING: England retained the home countries international trophy at Collingford, Ireland, yesterday, having won both the individual competition on Saturday and the relays yesterday to beat Scotland into second place. Dan Marston, of Scotland, won the men's open event, ahead of John Feehan, of Ireland, while Alice Bedwell, of Wales, was the women's open winner.

BASKETBALL

Brandon makes a bad start

By Nicholas Harling

JIM BRANDON captured the the chance of shooting the Budweiser League championwinning three-pointer. ship in his first season with "It raitled all round the rim Shelfield Sharks, but if the respected American coach is to repeat the feat with

before it went in," Michael Hayles, the Tigers' assistant player-coach, said, Hayles has stepped up in the reshuffle that led to Paul James filling the coaching vacancy left by Mick Bett.

Arena and Holley collected points apiece behind the Tigers' top scorer, Jason Siemon, whose 23 points was

the same as that managed by Brett Speight on his debut for Crystal Palace. With an interval lead of 36-31 against. London Towers, Palace threafened an upset of even greater proportions than that managed by Tigers. They eventually succumbed 79-75 only after Speight had made such a nuisance of himself that he was elbowed in the face by Marco Baldi, one of the Towers' newcomers.



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RUGBY LEAGUE

Sheffield hold whip hand over Broncos

London Broncos 16 Sheffield Eagles 58

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

LONDON Broncos produced their worst performance of the

season and suffered a humiliating deleat at home to Shelfield Eagles in the Stones Premiership quarter-finals yesterday. Sheffield handled the ball superbly, tackled strongly and quelled the Broncos with pace and fine passing, especially on the flanks.

Sheffield served notice of their intentions as early as the second minute, when Keith Senior touched down in the corner after Martin Offiah had been pushed ten metres into his in-goal area and London were forced to drop out between the posts. Indeed, nothing much went the home side's way in the first half and, when they did score, Shaun

Edwards injured his knee

touching down. Edwards went off, Robbie

Beazley moved to scrum half and London kept the half-time delicit to 26-10 when Beazley scored. In the second half, though, Sheffield raced clear with five more tries and Mark Aston took his total of goals to 11. London's demoralising day was completed when Beazley was sent off in the 78th minute for punching.

Sheffield's form will give them encouragement for the semi-finals, where they could be joined by Wigan Warriors, who have won the Premiership trophy for the past three years and who meet Leeds Rhinos tonight at Central Park knowing it is their last chance to take a trophy this season.

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EQUESTRIANISM: CLEAR ROUND ENABLES GREAT BRITAIN TO RETAIN EUROPEAN THREE-DAY EVENT CROWN AFTER DRAMATIC DAY AT BURGHLEY

Fox-Pitt's flawless finale earns team title

By Jenny MacArthur

A FAULTLESS final showjumping round from William Fox-Pirt on Cosmopolitan, the winners of the individual brunze medal, enabled the Great Britain three-day event team to retain its overnight lead and win the Burghley Pedigree Chum Open European championships yester-day by 12.4 points from New

Zealand. The success, sorely needed after the disappointing showing at the Olympic Games last year, was Britain's second in succession at these championships and the lifteenth since they started in 1953. The four riders - Fox-Pitt, Mary King,

DETAILS

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on Star Appeal. Ian Stark, on Arakai, and Christopher Bartle, on Word Perfect drew prolonged applause from the packed arena. "It's just a relief to have proved that we are still able to beat the rest

of the world." Fox-Pitt said. Mark Todd, whose outstanding cross-country round on Broadcast News was one of the highlights of the event, won the individual title. It was the New Zealander's first individual medal in any championship event since 1988, the year he won the second of his two Olympic golds. Despite joking that he and his 14-yearold horse were in "the twi-

light" of their career, few who witnessed his performance this weekend gave that any credence. Bettina Overesch-Boker, of Germany, whose polished showjumping mund reflected the training that she has received from Franke Sloot-

haak, the world showjumping champion, rook the individual silver medal on her English thoroughbred, Watermill Stream, after finishing 0.4 points behind Todd, Based with the Australian rider, Andrew Hoy, at Gatcombe Park, Overesch-Boker, a regular member of the Germany team since 1983, also becomes the European champion.

The tension grew yesterday even before the final showjumping phase. The crosscountry on Saturday had featured a demanding course. Although 40 of the 77 starters had no jumping faults and II were clear inside the time, it inevitably produced some sore horses for the final morning inspection.

Australia, the Olympic champions and lying third overnight, had to withdraw after losing two members. Hoy's Darien Powers, sixth overnight, was not presented, and Phillip Dutton's Sky's Prospect did not pass. Britain supporters then held their breath when Cosmopolitan had to trot up twice before being passed. Had he failed, Bartle's high score would have been counted and Britain would have dropped to third.

New Zealand were less fortunate. Andrew Nicholson's Dawdle was not presented, which meant that they had to include the higher score of their fourth team member. Sally Clark. This gave Britain a 32.4-point lead at the start of the showjumping, the equivalent of six fences. Sweden



King, a member of the victorious Great Britain team, goes for gold on Star Appeal

moved into third place, ahead of the United States and

France. However, having dominated the dressage and cross-country phases, Britain began to look vulnerable. King and Star Appeal, faultless pathfinders on Saturday, incurred ten penalties. Jan Stark and Arakai, also faultless across

country, followed suit. New Zealand, meanwhile, produced three clear rounds. from Blyth Tait, on Ready Teddy, Clark and Todd

Fox-Pitt, who had saved the day on Saturday with his superb clear round, found himself once again in the hot seat. The last to go, he knew that he could not afford to have more than two lences down, but Cosmopolitan, a ten-year-old owned jointly by Anne Andrews and Fox-Pitt's sponsors is not without a sense of occasion. Responding to his rider's assured touch, he jumped faultlessly round the 12-fence course to be greeted with a deafening roar as he landed safely over the last.

Courses built to terrify without adding to risk

your gut and everyone who has anything to do with horses knows it. It is something to do with fear, which is a totally inadmis-sable concept. We don't talk about it, still less think about it. So it manifests itself as this clutching, skeletal hand in the

I felt this familiar creature more than once as I walked cross-country course for the Open European championship at Burghley. Vicarionsly, needless to say. This was a frightening course it had been designed to frighten. But then the redoubled grip

of the hand in the gut: Claire Smith, a Canadian rider, had been injured in a fall. She had been taken to hospital by helicopter with cranial and spinal injuries. It followed the death the previous week at Blenheim of the Irish rider, Sam Moore. He was killed when his horse fell on top of him. At least yesterday there were encouraging signs that Smith would make a recovery.

I had felt the clutch of fear when I inspected the fence where Smith fell: fence three, the leaf pit log. It looked just a little bit like a jump off the edge of the world: a very hard question to ask so

early in the course. before a horse has come to terms with what he is about. There was an easisuming route at

this fence, exactly as there should be on a decent

Ian Stark, the British rider. said that clearing fence three - the direct way - was, as it were, the breaking of the sound barrier. Horse and rider grew and blossomed in the exhilaration of the subsequent challenges once this steep leap into nothing had been completed.

There was an awed and relieved feeling from riders afterwards. Some said they felt that at times "Mike had got a bit carried away", this being Mike Tucker, the course designer. And this particular fence, followed by a precipitous descent into the leaf pit itself, followed by a SIMON BARNES



At Burghley

climb and a truly horrid fence at the top, one that was all air, in dapple shade, made for a course that would give Centaur a touch of the skeletal hand.

Tucker himself wrote in the programme, after describing four, five and six: "It is against my better judgment to present these unestions so early in the course and therefore make it more difficult to create a good rhythm, but this is a championship."

Colonel Frank Weldon, former course designer at Bad-

'The coincidence of the death at Blenheim followed by this fall is the stuff of nightmare'

> minton, said that it was a task of a course designer to frighten the life out of the riders while bringing the horses round safely. And indeed, Tucker succeeded in bringing horse after horse round safely; competitors representing Jamaica and Bermuda both got round without faults.

There is no macho element in this sport, no hint of "I'll jump anything and those who can't take it should get out of the kitchen". The people involved think too much about their horses for such a thing to be a possibility. Besides, in pure sporting terms, if you cannot present a fit, sound and healthy horse the morning after your cross-country showjumping that decides the final placings. Also, the sport tests a relationship between horse and rider that normally takes years to establish. To knacker your horse is to lose a massive investment time. Even in purely sporting terms, macho does not pay.

But the fact is that this is a very dangerous sport. All the horsey sports are dressage also injures and kills. Technology, in the form of proper head gear and body protectors, certainly helps, but anyone who swings a leg over a horse knows that this is not a sensible option in life. There are people addicted to risk, adrenalin junkies. You don't find many of these in the horse world. Horsey people tend to be addicted to horses. The risk is there, unavoidable, and each chooses his or her level of risk.

It is a terrible job, to be a course designer, a truly fright-ening responsibility. Until the event begins, no one knows how a course will ride, how a fence will jump. The ideal course, which is mindbogglingly terrifying and perfectly safe, is something to which all course designers

aspire, knowing that it is forever unattainable.

l would not blame the course designer for the injury, still less the sport itself. The coincidence of the death at Blenheim, followed

by this terrible fall at Burghlev, is the stuff of nightmare. The way forward is not to be gung-ho, nor to be apologetic. The sport must learn from every accident, and strive to make every course still more safe, still more frightening.

At Lion Bridge, I watched Stark take the direct route over the log and the long, steep drop into the water, a left-hand turn, to jump over a floating boat. Patting and patting the hard neck of his young beast, Arakai, perhaps the best even he has ever ridden, a shark-like grin on his face - fierce exhilaration, fierce concentration, ferocious

BOXING

McCreesh earns world title chance near home

GEOFF McCREESH, the British welterweight champion, will be given a chance to challenge for a world title (Srikumar Sen writes). After his successful defence on Saturday in London — when he stopped Paul Ryan, of Hackney, in two rounds — Frank Warren, the promoter, said McCreesh would be meeting the winner of the World Boxing Organisation title bout between Michael Lowe, of Germany, and Michael Carruth, of Ireland, which takes place in

Aachen next Saturday. Warren was hoping to put on McCreesh's challenge before the end of the year, but as the boxer is getting married in November in Antigua, the contest will take place in January or February, possibly in the North East. McCreesh lives in Bracknell but comes from Stockton-on-Tees. "He's a good fighter if his connections can keep him focused — and he sells tickets," Warren said. "They are telling me

to take the fight up to Teesside."
Outside the ring, McCreesh has no interest in boxing, preferring to play golf and "be with the lads". His manager, Jim Evans, said: "He won't even talk about boxing, or watch it." McCreesh, whose mother was killed in a car crash just before his British title bout with Kevin Lueshing in July, said: "1 don't know anything about boxers and I find boxing boring when I'm not fighting."

The bout with Ryan was a onesided affair, McCreesh proving too strong for the challenger, who had moved up from light-welter. Ryan was knocked down with a flurry of blows in the second round.

SAILING: MORNING GLORY BREEZES TO VICTORY WITH HER KITE UP

Plattner masters the Mistral

SAILING CORRESPONDENT

THE Mistral wind brought the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup to a breezy conclusion yesterday with up to 37 knots blowing down the Sardinian coast, as Hasso Plattner's Reichel-Pugh 80-footer, Morning Glory, sealed her win in the IMS division, managing to get round the course with her mast in one piece.

Only six of the IMS class yachts completed the windward-leeward course, with casualties including Jim Dolan's *Sagamore*, which broke her boom, and Roberto Roemmers's Alexia, which had problems with her mainsail and sailed most of the course under headsail alone. Overall second place on the day went to Mike Slade's Longobarda, which got round without incident.

Morning Glory, which has broken her mast four times in the past 12 months, most recently off the isle of Wight shortly after the start of the Channel Race, reached speeds of more than 22 knots as she surfed downwind with Plattner at the wheel. Undeterred by mast failures in more moderate conditions, he reportedly told his crew: "We are here to race so we are going to go

with the kite up."

Despite winning the Rolex Cup, the headline trophy at the regatta, the 22-strong crew on the sleek, blue-hulled, Sydney-Hobart record-holder seemed nonplussed by their victory, having come to Porto Cervo with their thoughts focused on the ILC Maxi world championship. This was settled on Saturday, when Larry Ellison's Savonara, with Chris Dickson at the wheel, clinched her fourth win of the series to take the title with a

Russell Coutts on tactics and many of the New Zealand Team Magic crew on board, finished second overall, with Alexia third. In truth, the fact that the ILC championship is being run in conjunction with the Rolex Cup for the first time has completely overshadowed the cup. In the other divisions being

contested here, the four-strong 100 class for yachts over 100ft long was won by George Lindemann's twomasted schooner, Adela, with Dennis Conner guesting on the wheel. Second was Luca Bassani's innovative Wallygator, with the big cruiser, Never Say Never, third. The cruising division had a

seemingly ridiculous outcome when the Italian yacht, RRose Selavy, won from Irvine Laidlaw's Highland Fling, even though she appeared not to have been entered in it from the beginning.

CYCLING

Zulle turns up power to take Tour of Spain lead

ALEX ZULLE, the world time-trial champion, from Switzerland, took the overall lead in the Tour of Spain, which he won last year, after the ninth stage time-trial at Cordo-ba yesterday (Peter Bryan writes). He had started the 35-kilometre

ride against the clock in third place overall, 14sec behind his compatriot, Laurent Dufaux. The trial was won by Melchior Mauri, Zülle's Once team colleague, in a time of 41min 11sec; Zülle was fourth, 38sec slower but sufficiently fast to wrest the lead from Dufaux.

Chris Boardman, who won the world championship silver medal behind Zülle in 1996, had been expected to win the stage, but he had been forced to retire from the 22-day race on the mountainous climb to Sierra Nevada on Friday. Boardman now has three weeks in which to recover and lead Great Britain in this year's world championship time trial, over 44 kilometres, at San Sebastian on October 9.

Graeme Obree, who hopes to be one of the other two British riders selected for the championship, regained his Scottish ten-mile record in the Wallacehill trial with a time of 19min 29sec, an improvement of 12sec on the 19min 41sec set by James Gladwell last month.

Obree remains the fastest tenmiler (18min 27sec) in Britain and he will ride the British Cycling Federation's 26-mile time-trial on September 28 in a final selection attempt for the world event. "I believe that I am racing as well as I ever have," he said. Twice the world pursuit champion and twice holder of the world one-hour record, he must therefore be in good form.

ATHLETICS: DISAPPOINTMENT FOR McCOLGAN AS HALF-MARATHON IS BOOSTED BY RECORD ENTRY

Great North Run gets back on right track

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IN THE early years of the Great North Run, the joke was that the sight of 20,000 people crossing the Tyne Bridge in mass exodus from Newcastle could mean only one thing. There must have been jobs going in South Shields.

Things have got better in the North
East since then," John Caine, the race
organiser, said. He might have added that his event now mirrors the energy of the area.

Yesterday, in the seventeenth running of this annual half-marathon from Newcastle to South Shields, record numbers took to the road. Five years ago, the event began to show signs of wasting away, dropping from a peak of 32,900 entries in 1991 to 26,800 in 1994. This year, 36,576

applicants were accepted.

This is the modern face of the Great North Run, which has shed its parochial costume for a national one. A drive to recruit runners from outside the North East has been so successful that, for the first time, all 120 postal districts of Britain were represented.

Not that sheer numbers can stop runners posted from Africa. Lucia Subano, from Kenya, won the wornen's race. Hendrick Ramaala, from South Africa, the men's. Strong westerly winds aided fast times, though both course records remained intact. Grete. Waitz's 68min 49sec and Benson

Masya's 60min 2sec. Subano, a mother-of-three, pulled away from Marian Sutton in the



McColgan: suffered defeat in event for the first time

eleventh mile to win in a time of 69min 24sec. Sutton, finishing ahead of her fellow Briton, Liz McColgan, for the first time in any race, improved her best by two minutes, to 69min 41sec. McColgan, having won three times. lost her unbeaten record in the Great North Run, finishing third in 70min

Sutton defends her Chicago Mara-thon title five weeks hence and, though not deceiving herself into thinking that



the field to win in fast time

she is fitter than she is - "We had the from his last challengers along the

wind behind us for 12 miles" — she was delighted. "I am in better shape than this time last year," she said. Ramaala, like Subano, took flight

seafront, the mile where the wind blew into their faces. He spared the race the embarrassment of a non-invited athlete winning the title. Up with those wearing the elite low numbers was Willy Cheruiyot, a Kenyan sporting

No 29,840. Not only was Cheruiyot not paid to compete, he sent in his £14 entry fee. Ramaala recorded 60min 25sec, Cheruiyot 60min 43sec. Behind Sammy Korir, another Kenyan, was Paul Evans, in fourth place, the first

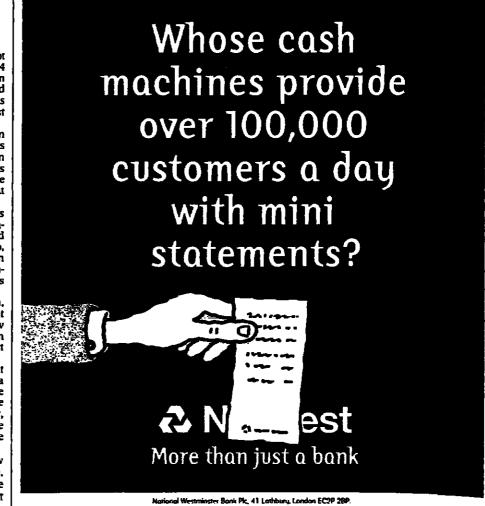
British finisher. Evans also has a Chicago Marathon title to defend and, though he possesses a faster time, he regards the 61min 18sec that he recorded yesterday as his best legitimate performance over the distance and his best in seven goes at the Great North Run.

The ten-miles split for Evans was 26sec quicker than his best for a tenmile race. His run, he said, had boosted his confidence for Chicago, especially as he finished ahead of Jon Brown, Britain's European cross-country champion, who will make his marathon debut there.

Brown suffered an early stitch, followed by a stomach spasm at eight nules, where he was forced to slow down. He finished a disappointed sixth in 61min 49sec. "Hopefully, it was just a one-off," he said.

When numbers entering the Great North Run began to fall, it was a consequence of incorporating the world championships in 1992. "We frightened people off." Brendan Foster, the race founder, said. "They were saying: 'It is no longer the race we

The emphasis is back on fun now and the introduction of an exhibition. pasta party and bands at every mile along the route has developed the event from a race into an occasion.



best out of

By Barney Spender

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Leicestershire by five

SHANE WARNE. who is considering offers from three other counties, remains many people's favourite to lead Northamptonshire next season, but Rob Bailey and Kevin Curran, the two local candidates, did their chances no harm at the weekend. On Saturday, Bailey, the

incumbent, batting in pain because of a broken finger. stayed for 20 overs to deny Leicestershire a championship victory. Yesterday, Curran took over the reins and with a fluent innings of 78 not out led Northamptonshire to their third success in the Axa Life League in the last eight

After Wells had removed Fordham in the second over of the Northamptonshire innings. Curran came out to join Montgomerie in the quest for the 180 needed to win. By the time Mont-gomerie on 69, had sent a lofted drive to Mason at midoff, they had added 144 in 28

Sales followed shortly afterwards and the Leicestershire bowlers applied a late squeeze, but Curran saw his side home. Dropped by Mason when 33, a straightforward chance at mid-off, and hit a painful blow on the hand by Dakin, Curran was at his dogged best. His lifty, which came from 64 balls, included five fours and two sixes, one each off Brimson and the unfortunate Mason.

Earlier, Tony Penberthy pegged back Leicestershire, picking up three wickets as they slipped from 60 for one to CRICKET: FINAL-DAY AXA LIFE LEAGUE FLOURISH ERASES MEMORY OF NATWEST TROPHY FAILURE

Warwickshire find life after Lord's

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by 71

A WEEK after Warwickshire were utterly unable to give Essex a game in the NatWest Trophy final, they succeeded in winning the Axa Life League. Although they were dependent on Kent losing at Headingley, their all-round cricket was a considerable improvement on their performance at Lord's. Nick Knight made a thoroughly proficient century and Allan Donald, given an ecstatic send-off by a sizeable crowd, was too much

The prize-money that Warwickshire will receive, £42,000, will not exactly go a long way towards the £500,000 needed to install floodlights here on a permanent basis. This triumph, though, their seventh trophy in five years, will hasten the

Save for Knight's century, this was not a notable match. As with the day-night event here in July, the sense of anticipation and the spectacle was what counted. The crowd knew what was happening at Headingley, although in the early stages of Gloucestershire's innnings, a Warwickshire victory was far from assured. Hancock and Daw-

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-89, 2-94, 3-110, 4-175, 5-197, 6-215

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son put on 43 for the first wicket and there were the likes of Young and Alleyne to come. Their middle-order, how-

ever, was ineffectual. Nobody reached 30. Small, who needs physiotherapy to enable him to bowl these days, gave little away and neither did the spin-ners, Smith and Giles, who finished with four wickets. So, too, did Donald, who was mobbed as he left the field and who flies home to South Africa, and a hectic international schedule, today. The public address announcer, like everybody else at Edgbaston, trusts that he will return after the World Cup in 1999.

Donald would like to extend his career in county cricket, fitness permitting. He said that he hoped to continue in the employ of Warwickshire

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BOWLING: Brown 3-0-17-0; Welch 3-0-15-0, Donald 7 5-1-24-4; Smuh 8-0-29-2, Small 8-2-25-0; Giles 7-0-25-4.

SCOREBOARD FROM EDGBASTON

something in return for what they have given me". He also hopes, naturally enough, to be granted a benefit by the club. 'Allan has been the best overseas player in England over the past ten years and we decided he was the right person to receive the trophy." Neil Smith, the Warwickshireacting captain, said.

Warwickshire's innings was given the ideal start by Knight and Smith, who put on 89 in 16 overs. The newly-appointed captain of England A became the first batsman to score a century in the Sunday league for his county this season. Until Knight was run out

for 102 by Hancock's direct throw, his judgment was im-peccable. He rarely resorted to anything unorthodox, al-though the six that he swung into the River Rea, over what used to be the Hollies Stand, was the kind of shot that he reserved for the one-day game. He reached his century, which came off 119 balls and included seven fours, with the neatest of leg glances.
The rest of Warwickshire's

batting was unexceptional. For a side that have looked dispirited in the past week, all too aware that they would not become county champions, Gloucestershire fielded with considerable zeal. Ball ran 30 yards to take a catch over his shoulder off his own bowling and Davis, the substitute, held a fine tumbling catch at short mid-wicket to account for

Yet a total of 221 for six was sufficient. In years gone by, when this competition has not been decided until the final Sunday, a helicopter has hovered between two grounds. Yesterday, the powers-that-be at Axa Life took the trophy to Headingley and brought a mere fake to Edghaston. For the crowd of around 9,000 here, that was of scant concern. The genuine prize arrived some time later by car.



Donald, second left, is congratulated after taking another wicket yesterday

with the Great North Run -

on television - and Sunder-

land's win at Birmingham -

on television - so a crowd of

2.000-plus on a cool and

cloudy day to watch Dur-

ham's obsession with avoiding

Moody has to concede second best to Clarke

BY RUPERT COX

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss): Derbyshire (4pts) beat Worcestershire by five wickets

A FINE all-round performance by Tom Moody, the Worcestershire captain, was not enough to prevent Derbyshire from sneaking home by five wickets and with eight balls to spare. His exploits were upstaged by a dashing innings of 69 not out by Vince Clarke that proved the catalyst for Derbyshire's fourth Axa Life League win and denied Worcestershire a fourth-place finish and a prize

It proved to be quite a day: for Moody. On winning the toss, he opened the innings, scored a forthright century. bowled his overs miserly. whereupon he left the field. Perhaps, with some justification, he felt he had earned his leave. He did not return to view the damage Clarke inflicted upon his bowlers.

The day was equally as poignant for Tim Curtis, who, after a career spanning 19 years, bade farewell to New Road to concentrate on his teaching. In conjunction with his captain, Worcestershire chugged along at four an over until Curtis was bowled by Clarke. He left to a rousing ovation, just shy of 6,500 Sunday runs.

Moody continued with Graeme Hick as his accomplice, striking his second fifty from 39 balls before he fell in the final over.

Derbyshire were quickly into their stride but, after Moody dismissed both openers, the innings lapsed. However, in this dismal Derbyshire season, Clarke offered some respite, steering them home after a match-winning stand of 87 with Kim Barnett.

Glamorgan succumb meekly

BY SIMON WILDE

morgan by six wickets

THERE was a decidedly sowhat-ish air to events at Sophia Gardens yesterday as betokens a match between teams who had not won in the Axa Life League for almost two months. Not, of course. that that was the reason, A crowd of 1.500 suffered the autumn winds to whet their appetites for Thursday, Taunton and the championship that

Matthew Maynard stood down from the game, but was on the ground and spent the

CARDIFF (Glamorgan won afternoon being lionised. toss): Essex (4pts) beat Gla-With Croft, Waqar Younis and Watkin also resting, Glamor-gan put out a side of nearanoxeric strength. They were no match for Essex, who. rather unfairly in the circumstances, included Stuart Law, who was in his usual hurry to

get on with things. With his side chasing 169, Law smote two fours off the hanless Parkin's first over two off his second and took the lion's share of the 19 that came off his fourth. He raced to his fifty in 34 balls and when he was out for 59, Essex were left with a straightforward task. Glamorgan had gone along

fine while Dale and Cottey were together, but once Dale fell for 62, the innings subsided in a flurry of swipes and heaves. Such was the main beneficiary, picking up, five wickets in four overs to claim Sunday-best figures.

Essex have little pleased about. Despite winning the NatWest Trophy, this has been a painful summer. The excuse is the injuries — Cowan sees a specialist on Thursday - the truth that they have missed the runs of Gooch, who has spent the past few days with his old muckers. savouring the camaraderie for

Johnson's masterclass | Durham's disaster continues fails to bring reward

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by one run

PAUL JOHNSON gave a wonderful masterclass in oneday batting yesterday, making a century from 66 balls without appearing to force the pace (John Stern writes).

He managed only a single and Middlesex won their first

CHESTER-LE-STREET Axa Life League match since (Somerset won toss): Somerset Owais Shah, who scored a (4pts) beat Durham by seven

maiden century in the championship game, was Middlesex's top scorer, remaining unbeaten on 66, his highest score on a Sunday, as they made 231 for four. Earlier, Paul Weekes and Mark Ramprakash had put on 104 for the first wicket. ☐ John Jameson, the MCC

cricket secretary, resumed bottom place was a marketing umpiring duties at Lord's triumph. The Sunday audience's relative indifference to yesterday after Barrie Leadbeater, who had been technique is a help. due to stand, returned home Two divisions in the Sunday after the death of his wife in a League, or new National car accident near Leeds. League, cannot come quickly

enough. September has be-THIS fixture had to compete

start, ambled through the afternoon, using seven bowlers. Ben Trott, 22, a local recruit, made a good impression

Speight 50 off 70. David Boon was out again when looking was neither as flat nor as even

lost their openers for 16 before Simon Ecclestone reached his. Sunday best for this summer, 96 not out off 98 balls, including three sixes. Mark Lathwell joining him to put the icing on the cake, four overs to spare. The sigh of relief came with the news that Sussex had lost.

The county winning the Sunday League gets £42,000 - Fabrizio Ravanelli's weekly

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Sussex are condemned to last place

By PAT GIBSON

SOUTHAMPTON (Sussex won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Sussex by two wickets

SUSSEX fought it out to the very last ball, but in the end they had to accept the Axa Life League wooden spoon when Simon Renshaw, with one final desperate heave, mowed Keith Newell to the long off boundary to seal their fate.

Hampshire were remared to make 13 off the last three overs with four wickets left. after Shaun Udal had made up for his disappointment in failing to take the four wickets he needed to pip Peter Martin. of Lancashire, for the £5,000 howling prize by hitting his fourth Sunday half-century of the summer.

Then Udal, having scored 70 off 94 balls with seven fours, was cought behind off the leg spin of Khan and pame set in. Hampshire still needed four to win when Keith Newell began the final over and they had managed only two singles when Aymes was run out off the penultimate hall, leaving Renshaw to do or die.

Sussex had made a decent start, but they were undermined by Simon Francis, 19, a fast-medium bowler from Durham University, who bowied his eight overs for 21 runs and two wickers.

Mark Newell showed that Sussex were not going to go down without a fight, however, by making 60 off 63 balls and then "catching" Laney on the square leg boundary before passing the ball to Kirtley as he careered over the rope. Kirtley, meanwhile, had left Hayden weating on the £5,000 hatting award by trapping him leg-before for one. but he still finished It runs ahead of his fellow Australian. Darren Lehmann.

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come a dreary month for those counties outside the top four. Six up and six down would set fire to the drowsy.

Somerset, seventh at the

By Derek Hodgson

More words have been written about the disaster that is Durham's batting than about the sinking of the Titanic and this episode was little different, Andrew Caddick and Mushtaq doing most of the damage, Jon Lewis making 57 off 44 balls and Martin

settled and Nick Speak rattled around with the tail. The pitch as is expected on Sunday. Set to score 206, Somerset

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

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Lehmann extinguishes Marsh's hopes of title

CRICKET: KENT FEAR SEASON OF TRIPLE DISAPPOINTMENT

HEADINGLEY (Kent won top). Yorkshire (Ipts) beat Kent by seven

FOR Kent, the possibility of finishing runners-up in three competitions this season remains cruelly alive. Beaten hy Surrey in a one-sided Benson and I ledges Cup final in July, they were outplayed again here at Headingley in the decisive Axa Life League game when victory would have guaranteed the title.

Instead, they have finished second to Warwickshire and attention now swings to the last round of Britannie Assurance county championship matches on Thursday. Kent face Surrey and must retrieve a one-point deficit on Glamorgan, the leaders, who play Somerset, Yesterday, Kent lost with 10.2 overs to spare in the face of an onslaught by Darren Lehmann. Yorkshire should raise a glass to the Australia selectors for deeming Lehmann surplus to Test requirements. He has given marvellous value all season and, in scoring an unbeaten 78 from 68 balls, finished just 12 runs short of winning 55,000 as the leading run-maker in the competition this season.

said afterwards: "I thought this season that we were a harder side and could win important games, but yet again we have fallen short. We under-achieved and the issue of whether we freeze on the big occasion will be raised again, rightly so. But we have played too well in the championship to let this disappointment affect us on Thursday. Perhaps it is as well we are a point behind

rather than in front." The Kent innings yesterday developed a symmetry that swung the mood of travelling supporters in a neat parabola. Runs came cheerily when the ball was new and in the closing overs, but wickets fell all too freely in between against a Yorkshire attack missing four important members because of injuries.

Ward and Smith gave little indication that trouble lay ahead as they posted 57 for the first wicket. Kent could absorb Smith's departure, but the fall of four wickets for 19 runs inside six overs, three of them to Hamilton, meant that the lower order had to come to the rescue once again. Wells played at a wide one with a horizontal blade and edged to Blakey, while Cowdrey did not bother looking round to see Blakey

was he out of his ground. Lehmann plucked an unlikely one-handed catch at slip to account for Llong and Ward offered a thin nick to Blakey after scoring 41 from 59 balls. Ealham and Fleming proved unable to reproduce their gutsy performances of Saturday afternoon.

From 124 for seven. Strang and Marsh, who required pain-killing injections before the game to numb a severely bruised thumb, put on 61 in ten overs. Better, but still not good enough because a total of 185 for eight looked well with Yorkshire's

Lehmann clearly thought so. He scored 71 of a second-wicker stand of 125 in 19 overs with Vaughan, who briefly matched him stroke-for-stroke during a breathtaking sequence of front-foot blows played against Ealham and Strang.

Vaughan and Byns were dismissed in successive overs before the umpire, Dickie Bird, resisted an appeal for caught behind against Parker two balls later. Parker offered the bowlers no further encouragement while Lehmann continued untroubled, After Ben Hollioake at Lord's, Kent had again encountered the wrong man on the wrong day.



Ealham is bowled by Vaughan during the Kent collapse

Stewart leads Lions in salvaging pride

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

Surrey (4pts) beat Lancashire by five wickets

THE Surrey Lions partly atoned for their lamentable performance in the Britannie Assurance county champion-ship fixture when they bear Lancashire in yesterday's 40over match to bring down the curtain on Sundays. An un-beaten 67 by Alec Stewart, who was leading Surrey in place of the injured Adam Hollioake, saw them through to victory with nearly three overs to spare.

Stewart shared 101 runs for the third wicket with Ben Hollioake, who was run out by Fairbrother's throw from deep cover as he tried to complete a second run on Stewart's stroke. Surrey wobbled as Bicknell and Ratcliffe came and went, but they were always ahead of the rate and Stewart made sure they got there.

For once, there were no booming strokes by Brown, the man who this year backed himself to make the highest score in the history of the Sunday League and promptly went out and did it, making 203 against Hampshire at Guildford. He was the second

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): of Austin's victims, driving to long-off, where Yates judged a

nice catch. Surrey were then 32 for two and, in the next hour, Hollioake and Stewart steadied the ship with some sensible and. at times, aggressive batting. Hollioake belted Keedy over the mid-wicket boundary and drove Yates straight, high and handsome for half a dozen more. His 61 was his first half

century on Sundays. Lancashire lost their way in the latter stages of their innings, failing to make more than 51 runs from the last ten put together the only significant partnership, 80, for the fourth wicket before Llovd. who had just driven an enor-mous straight six off Amin. hoisted another drive to long-

Atherton, playing in that pinched way, had somehow eked out 30 runs at the top of the order. It was left to Fairbrother to hold things together. The innings faded away and Lancashire ended up a good 30 runs short of a challenging score. They haven't had the best of summers and the club now faces an interesting autuma.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

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SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): Liverpool: Lancashire & Leicest-cishire

RUGBY LEAGUE Wigan v Leeds (7 30) . . .

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TOMORROW

BASKETBALL: European Cup: Happer Filal (Isr) v London Towers (8 0). RACING: Sandown Park (2 15), Yarmouth (2 05), Sedgefield (2 25)

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RACING: Beverley (2.25), Sandown Park (2.15), Yarmouth (2.20)

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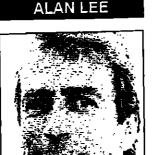
THIS should have been the day when county cricket up-dated and upgraded, a day to celebrate. It still could be. Regrettably, it seems ever likelier that it will produce nothing more enlightening than a reprise of the counties' unshakeable trust in tradition. Before them at the England

and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) will be an opportunity to give the county championship an overdue conversion, making it more appealing to the watcher and more pur-poseful to the player. Two divisions, with promotion and relegation for three counties each season, is at last a viable option. The chances are that they will spurn it and that a majority - narrow, perhaps, hut nonetheless damningly decisive — will flock like frightened rabbits to a burrow of stale familiarity.

These conservative clubs will hide behind the usual conveniences, such as the preferences of members, the fear of losing sponsors and the dread of sinking into some mythical morass of insolvency and inadequacy. Some such reservations hold water and require attention, but most are the imaginings and scaremongerings of those with no will for any development that may threaten their safe, shal-

low tranquillity. There are four options available today to the 18 counties and MCC, who make up the First Class Forum. Only two are likely to attract any sup-port and, in all probability, the vote will be something like 11-8 in favour of what the board likes to call an enhanced status quo, a euphemism for grabbing at the chance to

leave things alone. The six Test-staging clubs will support two divisions, as will Worcestershire, but it needs two more of those still open to persuasion to step into the radical corner and produce a 9.9 tie among the



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understand that MCC would consider themselves compromised by any suggestion of a casting vote and abstain. Then, perhaps, the decision would fall to the chairman of the board, Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, whose backing for two divisions is now

It is a moot point, one

should retain a say in issues such as this. Their own view is also in doubt as, I understand, the MCC cricket committee endorsed the idea of two divisions, but the club's delegates may be mandated differently now that the softer option is available.

This scheme was dreamt up by the executives of the ECB once they had convinced themselves that it would not be prudent to install only two divisions as an alternative to the original, three-conference proposal in "Raising the Standard". Within it, the four-day championship will continue precisely in its present form.

The board has given it some garnish, some pretence of being bright and different, by suggesting that the top eight teams in the championship would have the "incentive" of qualifying for an extra competition the following season. Grandly, this would be called the Super Cup and comprise a 50-overs knockout guilelessly designed for television, its relevance to the championship unfathomable.

contested fiercely by some

THE PROPOSALS UNDER SCRUTINY TODAY

 CONFERENCE SCHEME (the original proposal)
County championship divided into three equal conferences with endof-season play-offs, starting 1998. Sunday League and Benson and Hedges Cup to be scrapped in 1999, replaced by a two-division 50-th the conference and relegation. As with the other conferences are relegation. As with the other conferences. overs competition with promotion and relegation. As with the other proposals, NatWest Trophy to become the "FA Cup of cricket", expanded

2. TWO DIVISIONS (new proposal)
A two-division county championship, with nine teams in each, every side playing the others twice; three promoted, three relegated. A two-division 50-overs league, along identical lines to the championship. NatWest Trophy to remain 60 overs per side. Whole programme introduced in 1999, with make-up of divisions decided by finishing

3. THE RADICAL STATUS QUO (new proposal) 3. THE RADICAL STATUS (AUD (new proposal)
All-play-all county champlonship, with 18 teams playing the others once
for enhanced prize-money. Top-eight finishers quality for a new knockout
cup ("Super Eights") to be played in the first half of the next season;
top four receive home ties. Bottom four participate in following season's
NatWest Trophy at earlier stage. A two-division 50-overs league and 60NatWest Trophy at earlier stage. A two-division 50-overs league and 60overs NatWest Trophy. Programme introduced in 1999, with 50-overs divisions, Super Eights and NatWest seedings decided by 1998 positions.

4. THE ACTUAL STATUS QUO (not officially a proposal)

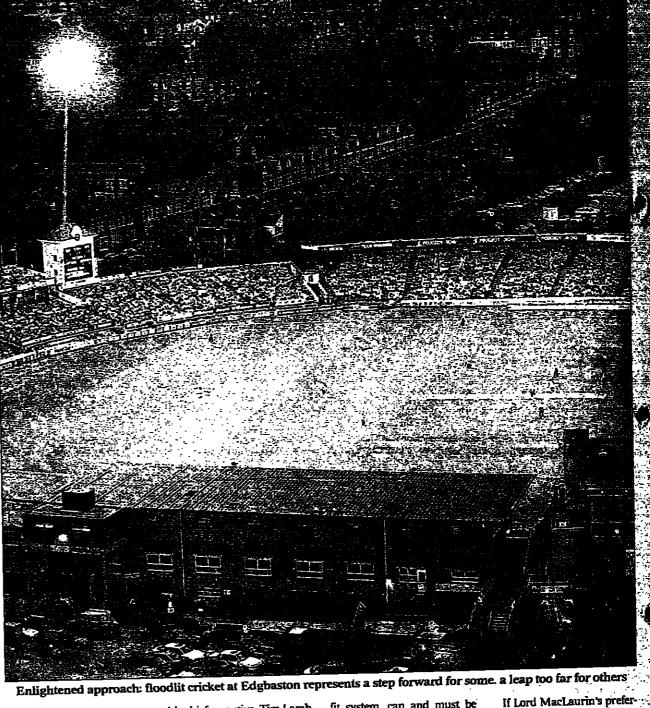
for those who excel at four-day cricket, this is a transparent absurdity. The proposal is for no change, in macabre fancy dress, and more than half the counties are preparing to breathe a sigh of relief and embrace it. They will guard the all-play-all, 18-team league on the basis that it has performed noble service. They will oppose divisions because fear marginalisation. provisos are fatally The championship worked when there was nothing else around it, no one-day competitions claiming attention and fewer rival sports. Now it needs a revamp, something to give it back its profile. It is a nonsense to claim, as many

do, that the closeness of the title race this year is a justification for no change. It is not the top end that is sick, it is the middle and lower reaches. where clubs have no incentives and where, from August onwards, the subconscious takes over, damaging attitude and performance. Surrey's display against

Lancashire last week was indicative of this. Interestingly, it left them eighth in the table. Would they have played such spineless cricket if such a result, and consequent drop, had put them in the relegation

Similarly, games involving clubs in that netherland of twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth places tend to drift aimlessly. But if the twelfthbest team in the country was third in a second division, and therefore gained promotion, what an edge it would give to such fixtures. Hopefully, whatever deci-

sion is made today will not mean that the county game is unaltered. There is no sign of opposition to the plans for oneday cricket, which involve the abolition of the Sunday league and Benson and Hedges Cup and the institution of a



50-overs National League, played on a fixture list of flexible days. This is rightly seen as an improvement: it was also destined to make the long-needed reduction from three to two one-day competitions, until the appalling Super Cup raised its head.

The great majority of the blueprint produced, six weeks ago, by Lord MacLaurin and his chief executive, Tim Lamb, will also be endorsed today. Quite right, too. Diligently prepared, its scope is vast and

its potential benefits, in a more coherent structure conducive to the modern game, are immense. Omissions, such as central contracting of England players and, on another level, the abolition of the demeaning and counter-productive benefit system, can and must be addressed separately.

It would be shameful if the thrust of the blueprint was lost, or its lower-level measures threatened, other than by the local difficulties already occupying the northern leagues and second XIs. It remains a monumental document and the game will be the

ence for a two-division championship is defeated, however, there will inevitably be an impression of failure, one that will permeate to the chairman himself. He may consider this a rebuttal of his methods and question whether his position is tenable. If so, the counties will have done themselves a

Wells honed on competitive edge

THE PROFESSIONAL'S VIEW

Through the rose-tinted reality of his new exis-tence, Alan Wells is vicariously aware of the suffering he has left behind. While Wells has experienced the high life of county cricket this year, with his new club. Kent, pursuing the championship and Sunday league to their conclusion, the county that reared, promoted and finally rejected him is destined to finish bottom of both.

The irony is thought-provoking and Wells shakes his head at the enormity of it. He had not wanted to leave Sussex, indeed had never considered the possibility, but when a sense of pride and injustice drove him to move, he did not envisage how his career would be revitalised and his cricketing perceptions transformed.

it has put him in a peculiarly privileged position to compare the extremes of the county game and to give a players' view on the structural alternatives to be voted on tomorrow. His personal priorities are that cricket must be reduced in volume but increased in competitiveness, and that it must be played on substantially improved pitches.

A year ago, Wells was captaining Sussex through a depressing run-in. They lost five of their last six championship matches and finished in the no man's land of twelfth place. Then they sacked him. Considering I had given my whole career to the county. I think I deserved more respect." he said.

marketable commodity, obtaining a five-year contract with Kent and a rented cottage in the chocolate-box village of Chilham. "But it was a greater upheaval than I had anticipated and it was only a few weeks ago, while I was batting against Essex, that I looked around Canterbury and felt it was home." he said.

Now, for the first time in his career, he is playing in a team sustaining success. At Hove. he became inured to dead months at the end of each season, when his toughest job was to convince those around him that there was something worth playing for. Such lethargy is the bane of the game and Wells appreciates the point all the more now that his circumstances are different.

have never completed a season in an atmosphere L like this, when every ball means so much, when every day feels like a cup final," he said. Twe had too many seasons ending in mid-table or worse, when, as captain, it is hard to motivate players, no matter what you do. I used to tell them to approach the last two games as if they were the first two of the next season, but it was only a device.

You drag yourself out of bed when your team is struggling and there is nothing left to play for. When there are trophies to be won, you look forward to every day. Bodies ache all the time at this stage of the season, especially among the fast bowlers, but when you are trying to win the



Wells would welcome less cricket but more meaningful matches, played on better pitches

championship you happily put Wells believes that the

"dead-month syndrome" must be addressed and would happily endorse a two-division system. "It would make things more competitive, give almost every club something to aim for each year." he said. "I also believe we should not be scared of creating an elite. We spread our talent too thinly in this country.

His overriding concern is the amount of cricket. "We have got to protect our England players so they are

fresher for Test cricket," he said. "When I look at Dean Headley and Darren Gough, the schedules they have and the injuries they pick up. I feel we should be doing more for them. We must stop being so parochial. We need a structure framed around our Test players, because without a decent Test side we have not got a

championship." Wells is anxious about pitches - "a subject that needs to be put back on the agenda, because they are not improving at all" - and about secondteam cricket. "They should

play fewer games, over four days on proper pitches. he said. They need more time between games to correct techniques and they need to feel

that every game matters.

"At Sussex, I heard 19-yearolds moaning because they had another day's cricket to play. We'll get nowhere with a structure that creates that kind of attitude." For a man enjoying the champagne days of his career, he has not forgotten what life is like at the beerand-sandwiches end.

Why competition without equal must be retained

IT SEEMS as though some-JOHN WOODCOCK thing not unlike the status quo in the county championship will have prevailed when the "multitude of senators" make their way home from Lord's tonight. If so, let no one despair. It will mean, simply, that evolution will have been preferred to revolution, and there is no shame in that. To many, myself included, it will come as rather a relief. No one could have done

more to find the best way ahead than Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth. The soundings that he and his team have taken have been painstakingly thorough. The pity would he if changes were to be made for change's sake. The three-conference idea, propounded in the original blueprint of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) but since rejected, smacked of that.

The concept of two divisions, with promotion and relegation, has obvious attractions, but we shall be getting it in an extended one-day competition. It may come one day to the championship itself. If it does, and so long as four sides go up and four go down, no county should be out of some sort of contention long enough to threaten their existence. We must not have the likes of Sussex going to the wall: they splendid and colourful cricketers for that, players who are the very essence of our gainc. It is all too easy to argue that

England's problems are rooted in the county structure. In times of scarcity, it is standard



argues against change for change's sake

practice to say so; and the system does, of course, have its defects. Those closest to the action say that towards the end of every season, sides that are out of the reckoning for honours tend to go through

the motions. The way to resurgence, however, lies not in mortification, nor through harassment, whether by administrators of players or by players of players. After the recent one-day wrangle between Essex and Glamorgan, Stuart Law, Essex's talented Australian, said that the incidents that took place were "part and parcel of the game back home". Well. the Australians can keep that, They are different animals over there and, to their eternal advantage, they have a differ-

ent climate to England's. Unfortunately, the most

important modern Test matches are mostly won by great leg spinners or great fast bowlers, species which are seldom raised — and seldom have been - in this country. That has very little to do with the county structure, or with affluence, or indolence, or even with the national character. It is because of the weather and the pitches.

Far and away the best means of simulating conditions in which, in the long term, England can learn a game to hold them in good stead is by covering the country with artificial pitches, an investment that rates no mention in "Raising the Stan-dard". It is ironic how much more use is made of them in Australia, despite all the sunshine, than in England, de-

spite all the rain. In much its present form. the county championship has been the heart and voice of the English first-class game for 100 years. There is no compete tion in the world to match it The standard of bowling is low at the moment: but so it is in the Sheffield Shield in Australia, the Red Stripe Cup in the Caribbean and the Ranji Trophy in India.

More, though, than with significant surgery or greater truculence or special squads, contracted to the ECB. England's well-being has to start. with perceptive coaching and ample opportunities for the young. Finding coaches who really know their stuff is another matter - and

Kent cling on as Glamorgan take pole position in race for title Such, Glamorgan were 26 for

winter. By last weekend, he had

done enough to gain inclusion in

the A-team trip for the winter, but.

if the selectors had been sitting

down today instead, he might

have been heading for the

BY ALAN LEE

TWO epic encounters concluded on Saturday and produced a new leader of the Britannic Assurance county championship. With one match remaining. Glamorgan are back on top, but the resolve of the Kent sixth-wicket pair, in denying Yorkshire victory at Headingley. means that the margin is only one point and that the realistic title contenders are now down to two.

In the decisive round, which begins on Thursday and is sched-uled for a grand finale next Sunday, Glamorgan will be at Taunton to play Somerset while Kent face Surrey, at Canterbury. Only if neither side emerges with more than three points - in other words, by a freak of weather or a simultaneous collapse of form -

can the issue concern the clubs sharing third place. Warwickshire and Yorkshire.

Whatever destiny is decided for the championship at Lord's today. recent days have fully supported two fresh reforms. Four-day cricket, once implacably opposed by most of the counties now busy fighting a two-division split is mutely accepted as an improved product, while the reintroduction of points for a draw has had the desired effect of stiffening the

resistance of teams in trouble. The Headingley match testified to both advances. It was precisely the type of match that the original proponents of four-day cricket had in mind - tough, unvieldingly competitive and devoid of the contrivance and cheap runs that undermined its three-day prede-

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMENTARY

cessor. The fact that it finished drawn was not a failure of the system, but an endorsement. The game was an absorbing contest throughout

On Saturday, the equation quickly became clear. Yorkshire's two remaining wickets did not delay Kent and the erstwhile leaders set off in pursuit of 240. was in the same mood that first innings. Until recently, this had been a

Time, ostensibly, was on their side, but the weather was as fickle as the pitch and Chris Silverwood brought him seven wickets in the

lean summer for Silverwood, so

lean that it is easily forgotten that

he had toured with England last

Caribbean. Silverwood does not lack pace some Kent players believed his short hall was as rapid as anything they have faced all season but his main virtue is control of direction and command of movement. His line brought him four leg-before decisions - three of them given on Saturday by that instinctive not-outer. Dickie Bird

- and he was greatly helped by a

supporting spell of sustained acc-

uracy from Paul Hutchison, who

Sri Lanka after Christmas, Soon after lunch, Kent were 48 for five and, of those waiting to bat, neither Steve Marsh nor Dean Headley were properly fit.

Kent were saved, as so often, by Mark Ealham and Matthew Fleming, who resisted for almost three hours in adding 99. The weather intervened twice, on the second occasion bringing down a grey curtain over what had never been a drab occasion. While Kent were grateful to settle for three points, for Yorkshire, they almost certainly represented an end to their championship dream.

Things were only slightly more straightforward at Cardiff. Glamorgan, having had a substantially worse deal from the weather than Kent this season, must have TOP OF TABLE

slept in dread of the forecast heavy showers on Friday night. but they resumed on time and

dismissed Ashley Cowan with the second ball of the morning. Although Essex's tenth-wicket pair added 20. Paul Grayson being left two runs short of a merited century, the target of 149 in more than five hours did not seem daunting — at least until Cowan dismissed the most prolif-

ic opening pair in the country.

Steve James and Hugh Morris,

for a combined score of four.

When Adrian Dale fell to Peter

three and Essex who had followed on 192 behind, looked capable of an astonishing win. If ever there was a moment for Matthew Maynard to show the responsibility that comes with captaincy, this was it.

certain - if Glamorgan take the maximum 24 points against Some ersel, they will win the title for the first time since 1969.

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Maynard rose to the challenge with an unbeaten 75 in a stand of

124 with the resolute Tony Cottey. Eventually, it seemed comfortable: a seven-wicket margin for Glamorgan's seventh win of the, campaign. Few things have been quite as they seem in this championship, but one matter is now

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THE FUTURE OF CRICKET: THE TIMES CANVASSES THE OPINIONS OF THE 19 CLUBS THAT WILL DETERMINE THE WAY AHEAD FOR THE GAME

What do the counties want?

The following eight questions were put to each of the 18 first-class clubs

- and to MCC. 1. Does your club agree that change is
- necessary to county cricket?
 Has enough time been given to consider the proposed changes?
 Has your club consulted
- a) its players b) its members on the proposals? Should more or less a) championship
- b) one-day cricket be played? Should all one-day cricket be
- played over 50 overs? Have your clubs' views on a two-division championship altered since the publication of "Raising the
- Who will represent your club at the meeting on Monday?
- 8. For which of the three proposed schemes will your club vota?

DERBYSHIRE



1. Yes, providing it is well rched and has a basis for general improvement. Changes have on made in the past that have brought little obvious benefit to the

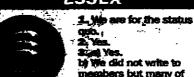
- No, but it is unlikely that there will be a motion to defer the decision.

 a) We consulted the captain and the
- director of cricket. b) We had meetings for members at Chesterfield and Derby but that was before the alterations to the report.
- a) Same as now. b) Same as now.
- Vic Brownett, chairman, and the acting secretary.
- All-play-all championship. We are violently opposed to a two-division championship because it will lead to the death of certain county clubs including ourselves.

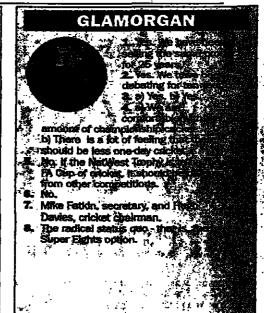
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- their wrote with their 4. at We are happy with the amount
 - played now. b) Yes, but we would not have been nhappy If the Benson and Hedges Cup were ratained sext year. No. We would fevour a NatWest Trophy
- of 60 overs played certier in the 6. No. We never liked it and still don't.
- Peter Edwards, secretary/general manager, and David Acfield, chairman. 8. The committee has decided to support the all-play-all championship and Super Eights plan.



GLOUCESTERSHIRE



 Change is not necessary for championship cricket but we are not opposed to alterations to the one-day game.

3. We had a members' forum. The captain was present at all our meetings and we spoke to some of our senior players. The members wanted to retain

- championship cricket as it is. a) The same number of championship matches. b) One-day cricket is about right. The Benson and Hedges Cup starts the season in a nice way.
- No. That would be boring. The NatWest is the oldest one-day competition. The 60over format is a very good one.
- No. We are opposed to two divisions. John Higson, the chairman, and Philip
- August, secretary.
 A 17-match championship programme. That has been consistently the club's views. We have never believed that there is some weak cricket.

HAMPSHIRE



1. Yes, on the PR side as much as anything. 2. We think it has been rushed. Our view allalong has been that 1998 would be too soon to change. 3. Some players have

been consulted and the views of members have been taken into consideration, but we believe the committee is elected to make decisions.

- We think the present balance is just
- about right. We are happy that the NatWest trophy is likely to remain a 60-over competition.
- No. There are some people here who favour two divisions but a bigger faction who do not.
- Brian Ford, chairman, and Tony Baker, chief executive.
- Not prepared to say. We never go to meetings mandated. We will listen to the arguments but we are not in favour of the three-conference proposal.

KENT



1. Some change is necessary, although there is a belief that the human element is more important than any structural tinkering. 2. No. The time frame

- from the presentation of the document to the voting has been too
- informally consulted both. Generally content with the volume of cricket in both spheres. Kent already operate a squad system, resting players in rotation.
- 5. Uniformity would be our preference but we have accepted that the NatWest should remain different.
- 6. The majority of committee always was against two divisions but would have preferred it to the scheme involving equal conferences.
- The chairman, David Kemp, and the secretary, Stuart Anderson.
- 8. Decided at a meeting on Wednesday to vote for the championship status quo.

LANCASHIRE



2. By and lerge, yes.
2. a) Yes, b) Yes, but withcost doing a wholesale meiling it is impossible to get a true impression. We tock a straw poli at a

- recent members meeting and an overwhelming majority was in favour of two divisions.
- b) it's difficult to give a full answer, The crux of our discussions was championship cricket.
- Yes. The original thoughts were to go along with the conference, but to be fair to the committee, it wanted to support the board.
- Jim Cumbes, acting chief executive. and Geoff Ogden, chairman of the
- cricket committee.

LEICESTERSHIRE



1. Yes. We would like change.
2. A decision should be made after a reasonable. neriod of reflection. about three or four

3. a) Yes. We were very strongly opposed to playing 50 overs on a Sunday. But the 50-over game has to be catered for somewhere. b) Yes. We are against 50 overs on a Sunday and against the conference system.

- 4. a) Certainly not more championship cricket. b) It depends on
- the length of the games but slightly less would not be detrimental. 5. No, but there should be some.
- 6. No. We always said we would seriously consider the two divisions, providing that all the counties were given commercial safeguards.
- Roger Goadby, chairman, and David Collier, chief executive.
- 8. It is highly unlikely that we would vote in favour of the conference system.

MIDDLESEX



1 A change is definitely 2. Not enough time has been allowed. 2. We have canvassed both players and members extensively and more than 400 replies

- were received from members. 4. Roughly the same number of championship matches as now would be desirable but we do not believe that more one day cricket would be beneficial.
- We are firm supporters of the existing or an expended NatWest Trophy based on 60 overs. We are concerned about the lack of

information at present available regard-

- ing the financial consequences to all clubs of a two-division championship. 7. Alan Moss, chairman, and Joe
- Hardstaff, secretary. 8. We have not resolved the issue of which way we will vote. We need more

financial information.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



1. Not entirely. We have probably got the best structure now. 2. Any change has got to be right. We should delay the introduction until 2000.

3. a) We are consulting the players at the moment. b) The chairman spoke with a wide circle of people, including members. No issue has provided such a talking point. a) There shouldn't be any less champi-

onship cricket. b) There are many people

- in the game who believe that what we've got is the best. No. People new to the game or with young families prefer the shorter
- 40-over game and with the NatWest people feel it's a proper game of cricket. 6. If we have to change we were prepared to consider the two divisions.
- Lynn Wilson, chairman, and Steve Coverdale, chief executive. We would probably back the enhanced

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE



- 1. Nottinghamshire is unequivocal that a change is necessary in county cricket.

 2. We do not believe that enough time has been allowed for consideration of the proposed changes.
- 3. Some are of the view that that theremay not have been consultation on a wide enough scale. We believe that the game would
- benefit from less cricket all round.
- We are firm supporters of the existing or an expended NatWest Trophy based on 60 overs. There should also be room for the 40 over game on Sunday.
- Nottinghamshire believe two divisions would be the answer. Alan Wheelhouse, chairman,
- and one other. We are in favour of two divisions.

SOMERSET



1. We do not agree that changes are necessary in county cricket. 2. There has not been enough time to consider proposed changes. 3. Yes, we have consulted both members

- and players We would be in favour of more
- Championship cricket. 5. All-one day competitions should be played over 50 overs.
- 6. Somerset are opposed to two divisions and their opinions have not changed. 7. Richard Parsons, chalmman, and Peter
- Anderson, chief executive 8. Somerset will vote for the third option, the current Championship and the Super Eights.

SURREY 1. Yes, changes are



2. There has been enough time. 3. Yes we have consulted both. 4. a) No.

- b) About right. 5. One-day cricket should mostly be played
- over 50 overs. Our views have not changed. Paul Sheldon, chief executive, and David
- Soper, chairman.
 8. Two divisions.



SUSSEX 1. Of course there will to keep up with modern trends but what we need is not structural change but better management throughout the game.

- 2. Yes. In general decision-making has been too slow. 3. a) Yes, b) Yes. 4. a) More. b) No, less. We need as much cricket as possible for our young players, bearing in mind that this is not Australia and that a lot of the season can be lost to the weather.
- 5. No. The greater proportion should be but the 60-over competition is well worth 6. No. "Raising the Standard" rightly

condemns the two-division system

Robin Marlar, chairman, Tony Pigott,

chief executive. We will vote for an 18-county championship with rewards and punishments depending upon performance.

WARWICKSHIRE

championship with the Super Eights.



1. Yes. English cricketers are not competing well enough in county cricket so change is needed. 2. You always want more time but the fixture list for 1998 needs to be

- organised. 3. Yes to both. Most members agree with our proposals. 95 per cent would like two
- a) 16 matches in two divisions would be fine, b) 16 or 17 matches and the NatWest Trophy would be satisfactory. 5. All except the NatWest Trophy, which
- should be kept at 60 overs. Our stance hasn't changed. Two divisions is long overdue.
- 7. MJ.K. Smith, the chairman, and Dennis Amiss, chief executive. 8. Two divisions. We are still mandated by our general committee and don't foresee any changes.

WORCESTERSHIRE



1. We believe change is Sufficient time has been given. 3. a) Yes. b) Yes we invited observations via the Sunday League

- programme, local press and via our
- 4. a) Same as now. b) Less.
- 6. We have swung towards the two divisions.

the Rev Mike Vockins, secretary.
8. Option two (two divisions).

7. Duncan Feamley, chairman, voting and



YORKSHIRE 1. Unreserved yes, 2. For us, the time has been satisfactory. Some would argue otherwise. 3. Chris Hassell, the chief executive had a discussion meeting with senior players and a proportion

- of the membership has been There should be no reduction in the
- amount of cricket in either sphere. 5. No. We support the retention of 60 overs for the NatiWest Trophy.
- 6. No. Yorkshire have supported two

8. We will vote for two divisions.

divisions for some time. 7. Chos Hassell alone. The president,

Sir Lawrence Byford, is indisposed.

MCC 1. Everyone on our committee recognises that some change is 2. We have known the time structure and consid-

er it reasonable. One can

- argue that more time is needed but where does it stop? These
- matters need addressing. No. Most of our members belong to counties as well, 4. Not for the average county player. The
- anomalies concern England players and their punishing schedules. 5. No. We have supported increasing the 40-overs league to 50 but believe in retaining the 60 overs of the NatWest.

structure after a recommendation of the

cricket committee but have yet to decide on the newly issued atternatives. 7. Roger Knight, the secretary, and his

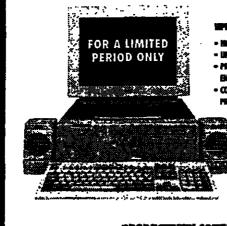
sistant, John Jameson.

8. This will be decided with senior committee-men prior to the vote.

6. We supported a two-divisional

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Dalglish in need of new defence mechanism

THE smile was there and the spring of step as he floated down the steps sweeping away from the main entrance at St James' Park. In fact, the only sign missing to indicate the Spanish observer's delight was a full-blown flamenco dance. But then, he is a Catalan.

The coach from Barcelona would not give his name, but he did suggest that he had "seen enough" of Newcastle United in 90 minutes of action against Wimbledon to leave a happy man. "I don't think I have seen the real Newcastle, but I have seen some weaknesses we can work on," he said.

A bit of an understatement, that. Newcastle entertain Barcelona on Wednesday night in the European Cup Champions' League and, on this performance, they are about as well prepared as an Arctic explorer

in swimming trunks.

The weaknesses that the Catalan spy spoke of were in defence and it is hard to see how Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, can plug such a leaky colander in four days. Never mind Barcelona, if a halfdecent pub team were playing at St James' Park this week, they would

fancy their chances of scoring.
All three of the goals that
Wimbledon scored had assists from errant defenders and the visitors could easily have doubled their total. The first, after just two minutes, allowed Carl Cort, 19, a goal on his debut. From a cross by Ardley, Cort was allowed a header so free that Albert, his marker, was open to the charge of loitering without intent

The second, on 32 minutes, was equally appalling. From a corner, Perry stood inside the six-yard box and casually directed his header into the net while his marker, this time Barton, stood and admired the delights of an autumn, sun-tinged sky. Admittedly, a gathering northeast sunset is particularly fine, but in your own time. Warren.

Even the third goal was a basic error, although Ekoku deserves credit for the finish that effectively ended the contest. He turned Pistone inside out to fire a vicious rising drive into the roof of the net after 77 minutes and, in doing so, exposed an enduring Newcastle truth: still they have centre halves who cannot defend.

Pistone was well and truly put through the mill by Ekoku. As Robert Lee, his captain, said afterwards: "Sandro found out the true meaning of playing in the Premiership for the first time." The problem for Newcastle is that Albert discovered the meaning years ago and he stll cannot cope

Lee added that he hoped the Barcelona spy would go away believing that the performance summed up the real Newcastle, but he is kidding himself. In a way, this was the real Newcastle, Sure, they can play a lot better, but, when it



NEWCASTLE UNITED 1 WIMBLEDON 3 By David Maddock

comes to it, they have yet to prove beyond reasonable doubt that they can defend with conviction. Pistone is not a centre half, neither is Albert and the returning Peacock is not the answer, either.

They can always attack, though, and their best chance on Wednesday lies somewhere within a heady mixture of Asprilla's rare talent and the passion of the St James' Park support. During this match, the fans were eerily subdued, the greatest compliment that could ever be paid to Wimbledon.

The visitors are, of course, no mugs. It has been another difficult start to the season for them, but with Jones back in midfield pulling faces — and other parts of the anatomy -, they have a familiar sense of purpose. They also have some decent players, not least Perry and Gayle, who will no doubt soon be cherry-picked by the envious elite of the Premiership.

This line-up contained no fewer than eight home-grown players. Much is made of Manchester United's youth policy, but when a side that has come through the ranks can play as well as this at such a rarefied level, then someone should stand up and take a bow. Respect, as they probably say in the dressing-room, to Joe Kinnear, the manager, and Sam Hammam, the managing director.

There was only one transgression, when Barton, a Wimbledon old boy, popped up on the blind side to steer into the net a Gillespie shot that had been parried by Sullivan. This was a decent Wimbledon performance, though, if not, in Kinnear's words "one of the most complete performances since I came here.

But then Kinnear has every right to get carried away. Such was Dalglish's pain after a comprehensive defeat that when asked whether he would be watching the televised Spanish league game -Barcelona v Deportivo La Coruña that night, he spat out an

emphatic "No". He probably did not want to endure any more night-NEWCASTLE UNITED 144-3 Signor — Si Watson Pilabert A Potencial Empired — P Semperusus Factoria Edmir Pilaber (Edmir) & Epiten Jubil Ekrobary (Sil-18 Totalaren)

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O'Neill remains wary as city is gripped by Spanish high

day. In front of 39,000 delirious Basques, Athletic Bilbao claimed an unexpected I-0 win, courtesy of a ninth-minute goal from Joseba Etxeberria, and punctured the myth of supremacy that had grown up. in double-quick time, around Atlético Madrid. As the result flashed up on Ceefax, there were cheers in living rooms all over a certain corner of the East Midlands. Leicester, you see, is a city

obsessed. Every bar and restaurant with a television screen is promising the same Tuesday night special, every travel agent is competing to offer the best deal to the same destination, even The Map Shop has a window devoted to guides of every description to the same place. Madrid. Everybody is talking about it.

Until Saturday evening, they were doing so with a mixture of anticipation and apprehension, of delight that Leicester City, their overlooked and overshadowed Leicester, were flying out to play Atlético in the Uefa Cup - and suspicion about what might actually happen to them when they got there. After all, Atletico had more than held their own in the Madrid derby and then thrashed Real Valladolid 5-0, a display that Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, had watched, admired and then probably wished he hadn't, Juninho, Kiko, Lardin, Bogdanovic, all superb, and Vieri.



LEICESTER CITY 3 TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0

By Peter Robinson

the £12.5 million man, did not play. Even on Saturday, O'Neill was pleading: "We'll give it our best shot, but please don't crucify us if we get hammered."

And that was after Tottenham Hotspur had been, well, hammered themselves in a brief, but glorious, hiatus in the discussion of all things Spanish. It was a performance that O'Neill described in turn as "really good", "magnificent", "brilliant", "absolutely brilliant". "fantastic", "excellent", "terrific" and "absolutely magnificent". He was pleased, "ecstatic" to be precise, but still he was wary of

what might happen tomorrow night at the Estadio Vicente Calderiin. Perhaps he was right to he, for Atletico, with £36 million-worth of reinforcements on board since last

season, are going to offer a vastly

different challenge to the one half-

at Filbert Street. They were terrible. Okay, they started well enough, but then they got steadily and remorselessly worse. Lucky to be on level terms at half-

time, the woodwork having denied first Heskey and then Marshall.

they went a goal down after 54 minutes, Walsh trotting forward to meet Parker's free kick with a free header at the far post, were 2-0 down on oo minutes, Guppy blasting home a loose ball, and 3-0 in arrears ten minutes after that, Heskey coverting Elliott's superb cross with a shot that Walker was probably better off avoiding O'Neill expressed polite surprise at Tottenham's performance and said, quite reasonably, that they had not been allowed to play anything like as well as they can.

High in the stands, anonymous eyes from Atletico looked on. They saw a side with three huge centre backs, a posse of tidy terriers in midfield and Heskey in attack - a big, quick striker who made the normally peerless Campbell look second-best. They saw, in O'Neill's word, a decent team. They must have been impressed.

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Robson have been

fined for criticism of

the Leeds official, Ken-dall said: "I am not

going to get fined. All I

will say is that they are

good judges."

Wright sets new target of 200 as suspense ends with a hat-trick

AT LAST, we may breathe again. With three out of Arsenal's four goals against Bolton Wanderers at Highbury, Ian Wright, 33, has brought the lingering period of suspense to an end. He has overtaken Cliff Bastin's aggregate record of 178 goals for Arsenal.

True, despite a remarkable strik-ing rate. Wright has 124 league goals to Bastin's 150, plus a dozen in the FA Cup to Bastin's 26, but the plenitude Wright has scored in Europe and the League Cup take him up to a grand total of 180. And. as his admiring manager. Arsène Wenger, observed, Wright would now be looking for 200 — and beyond.

Wenger, who modestly dismissed his crucial part, while at AS Monaco, of developing a talent still greater than Wright's in George Weah, praised Wright for his many qualities — his unusual amalgam of high dynamism and a cool head in front of goal, his "quick brain in the box", his pace over the first five to ten yards, "the timing of his movement without the ball and the fact that Wright turned profes-sional only at 23 and until then had largely been playing on the left

wing.
"The fans have been fantastic." a relieved Wright said. "I think they even sucked the goals in for me

Two of those goals were excellent and he could well have had others. With Arsenal surprisingly a goal down with 22 minutes gone, Wright was set up by Petit and Bergkamp, roared in from the right and beat Branagan from an acute

His second, three minutes later. was a good deal easier and Bolton claimed he had been guilty of obstruction before he scored it.

In the event, Bergkamp - who Wenger thought was below his best, but still did exquisite things in flashes - went off in a powerful solo run. Branagan blocked his shot, Vieira swooped, the ball ran loose to Wright and in it went.

For his third goal, nine minutes from time, Wright exploited an inspired diagonal pass from David Platt, the substitute, steering his shot in almost casually.

The other Arsenal goal, just





ARSENAL 4 **BOLTON WANDERERS**

By Brian Glanville

before half-time, came when Bergkamp beat Frandsen and served Parlour, who had previous ly hit a post. Parlour's shot, heavily deflected off Phillips, found

Branagan wrong-footed.

Wenger, justifiably, was not satisfied with his defence. It was found badly wanting when Bolton so surprisingly went into the lead on 14 minutes. Pollock found Alan Thompson, who played a ball out-left to Nathan Blake, whose pace was always a threat to Arsenal's back four. Blake sprinted across and Thompson, making ground into the box, got his head to the ball. Seaman stretched, put a hand to it, but could not stop it entering

In the second half, Blake was twice clean through in the opening ten minutes. Chasing Sellars's through pass, he left Grimandistanding, ending with a shot that Seaman saved.

Two minutes later, he was quicker than Seaman when the home. defence split again, but his shot went just wide. Overall, however, he was ploughing a lonely furrow. Wenger emphasised how impor-

tant it was for a striker to get good service from midfield. Arsenal's midfield is hardly inventive, but Wright at least has Bergkamp to

supply him.
Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, said wistfully: "When you come to places like this, the important thing is you get off to a good start. We got off to an excellent start, but I think the reputation of certain Arsenal players got to our players."

Bolton, just promoted and with a new stadium to celebrate it, will clearly do well not to go straight down again. As for Arsenal, despite their strong worrying lack of depth. Not for them Chelsea's embarrassment of

Tomorrow, in Salonica, Arsenat play PAOK in a Uefa Cup firstround, first-leg match in which they must do without Bergkamp. who will not fly. Who can replace. him? Asked whether it might be the precocious 18-year-old Frenchman, Nicolas Anelka. Wenger said it might. But the burden would be huge. It looks as if Wright must carry most of it.

ARSENAL (4-4-2) D Seaman — L Doon, S Bould; G Grownds, N Wingstours — R Parlour (sub) D Palat, 78mm, E Petic, P Viera, M Overmars (sub) L Boa Morre 781 — I Wright (sub) N Anelka, 89, D Restrictions

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Gullit's permutations reveal winning lines

GRAEME LE SAUX said at on Friday. Mark Hughes on Saturday and you can bet Gianluca Vialli's weekly wage that Bridge will recite it into a microphone before the week is out. "We feel we are on the brink of something special," the Chelsea mantra goes and, after four consecutive and

comprehensive victories, it appears to be The trouble is that Chelsea seem to have always been on the brink of something, he it triumph or disaster, so after years of standing on the threshold. why should now be any different? Fifteen

goals for and two against since the

aberration at Coventry City provide a compelling answer. Roud Gullit, the exach, has yet to use the same two strikers in consecutive games and at Selhurst Park on Saturday he shuffled again to pair the gangly Norwegian, Tore Andre Flo, with Hughes, It is a measure of Chelsea's strength that only they and Manchester

United feel equipped to employ a rotating squad system. Enhancing Chelsea's championship credentials was the sight of Vialli. Zola and Di-Matteo stretching weary limbs on the touchline as their team-mates rang rings around Crystal Palace. Gullit deciding that journeying from Thillist to London via Milan and Rome was poor preparation for an encounter not always played within the laws, as Hughes's battered calves would no

doubt demonstrate. A wretched Palace were submerged by wave after wave of Chelsea attacks, despite the Italian contingent being saved for the battles ahead, but Saturday's performance



CHELSEA 3

By Matthew Dickinson

son friendly against Halifax – which is exactly fow it must have lelt at times Hughes scored with a beautiful volley from Lebocut's perfectlymeasured 50-yard pass, the Frenchman struck from the penalty spot after Petrescu had been fouled and Le Saux made up for striking the past in the first half by

sea's ability to stay the

course than a pre-sea-

burying a ferocious drive in the final If Chelsea really do have what it takes to worry United, they can prove it over the next three weeks. As well as Cap-Winners' Cup meetings with Slovan Bratislava, they face FA Carline Premiership

matches against Arsenal, Manchester United. Newcastle and Liverroof. "Before, people said that we could not beat the weaker terms," Gallit said. "Now we have done that, they say 'Ah, yes, but let's see how you get on against the likes of Arsenal, Liverpool and United: All I know is that this team is getting better and better and they are starting to realise how good

they can be." It would not be fair to conclude any report of Saturday's match without a mention for poor Artilio Lombardo, who trudged off to receive. Vialit's commiserations. Palace's bald midfield player deserves every penny of his considerable salary, but what he would give just to be a Chelsea substitute.

CRYSTAL PALACE (3.3.2) K. W. C. — F. W. Lita H. C. Chilla Tahmari Di Latte A Raccotti A F. Toman (1. Extronom A Lomazaco N Bothern (a.b. C. Chernifica L. F. Latter — B. Over Mac (2. Franchises SF N Sections). CHELSEA SAID EduCos, — Francia Milleron E Labora Gille Said — Different Milleron Dialo. G Control Said — Different Milleron Dialo. G teboda 15 to Salar — C Po Povot — T A Flo M Mugano

Everton made to pay for their ill-discipline

rate barometer to Chelnever go back, but they omitted to tell Howard Kendall, which might be seen as an oversight. His third spell in charge of Everton has so far provinced precious little magic and while no supporter in

their right mind expected him to recreate days and harmony of the mid-Eighties, neither can they have anticipated seeing their side in such vorry shape so soon. Not that they played hadly on Saturday, when, for the first 25 minutes or so of each haif, they were much the better team.

but every time it seemed that they had Derby County stretched to breaking point, it was Everton themselves who snapped. A match that might so easily have been won instead carned them merely six bookings, one sending-off and the defeat that sent them into the bottom three of the FA Carling Premiership. It is a safe bet that Everton's dismal form away from Goodson Park - and

they are hardly invincible there, either was troubling Kendall far more on his journey home than the ill-discipline that was a significant factor in their defeat at Pride Park. Since winning at the Baseball Ground before Christmas last year, they have been struck down by acute travelsickness, with five draws and 27 goals conceded in 13 attempts. Kendall laid the blame for this latest setback at the door of the referee's changing-room. "It is very difficult for players who are

passionate, who want to win, not to show

their displeasure," he said after Speed,

Stuart and Bilic had been cautioned for

dissent by Mike Riley, who also dismissed

Hincheliffe for a clear-cut professional

foul on Baiano. Told that Graeme





Very cute, of course, and few could dispute that Derby did indeed appear to get the benefit of the doubt over every contentious decision. But does Kendall really think that his players' energies are

best expended on angry, futile pursuit of a referee." Derby could not believe their luck. "The two goals we scored in the first half came from the only bits of football we played and our third came when Everton were on top," Jim Smith, the Derby manager, conceded.

When they concentrated on the matter in hand. Everton played with commendable purpose and panache. Ferguson setting up Stuart for the goal that cancelled out the lead given to Derby by Hunt. The opener was a moment that neatly encapsulated the visitors' day: Hunt would not have been playing had Eranio been fit and his header needed a deflection to beat Southall,

Then, after Chris Powell's superblytaken goal had restored Derby's advantage, Barmby, Cadamarteri and Ferguson, whose header was cleared off the line, should have scored. By this time, though. Everton were distracted to the point of self-destruction by Riley and instead it was Sturridge who made the

minerio it was sturringe who made the game safe for Derby.

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Harsh learning process for newcomer Jones

POST-MATCH inquests among supporters tend to veer between wild elation

and grudging realism. "Good win, we deserved it and, look. we're up to eighth in try City Ian said, as he discussed the victory against Southampton on Saturday, His friend was not fooled.

"Yeah, you're right," he said, "but we're still only four points clear of the relegation zone." Such is life at Highfield Road. However

much Coventry might crave a quiet. respectable existence in the FA Carling Premiership, far removed from their annual struggle for survival, it is an accepted if unpalatable fact that they cannot compete with the big boys and never will. They can dine at the top table only if they feed on the scraps. Southampton face a similar, perennial predicament and have the extra burden

this season of a new manager learning his trade in the rarefied air and exposed environment of the Premiership. David Jones might have taken Stockport County into dreamland five months ago, but he is already sleeping uneasily at the higher "We've got to shake ourselves out of it.

we're just not clicking," Jones said. "It's not the best way for me to start in the Premiership, it's a lot tougher everywhere you play, but I still believe in myself and the team. We've just got to keep going together.'

Eighth place may be something of a false dawn, but at least Coventry appear to have a base on which to build. Gordon Strachan is only marginally ahead of Jones in terms of managerial experience in the Premiership, but the trials of the



SOUTHAMPTON 0

By Russell Kempson



Coventry should 🚓 have won at a canter., Although Williams collected his fifth booking of the scason in only six matches and Dublin vasted, at a conserva-

ing here."

past ten months have

taught him plenty. "It's,

great to see the players

progressing," he said.

That's what's happen-

five estimate, seven goalscoring opportunities, they frequently sliced through the Southampton defence as if it barely.

Even Richardson, who switched allegiances four days earlier, was unable to: stem the tide. He might have known the various weaknesses of his former teammates, but he was unable to take advantage of them: the experienced midfielder spent most of his time trying to ower up the various weaknesses of his new team-mates.

Favourable counts of 7-1 on corners and 145 on shots illustrated Coventry's firsthalf superiority, even though Southamp. ton went closest when Oakley's curlingdrive cannoned off the crossbar. Dublin... also struck the woodwork, with a header from McAllister's corner, shortly after the interval.

Solvedt eventually succeeded, in the tioth minute, where everybody else had failed, guiding in his shot nicely from close range after neat work from Nilsson and Dublin Fights the and Dublin, Eighth place, indeed, but relegation is never far away from the Coveniry consciousness.

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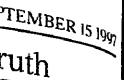
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United rise without hitting peak

Scholes can provide finishing touch to European adventure

thirties. Her hair was peroxide blonde. Her face was long and thin, disturbed only by its strong, juning cheekbones. Her companion stood beside her, small and stocky. His hair was short, almost in a crew cut, a little spiky. His hands were thrust deep into the pockets of a long overcoat and he kept them there as he talked.

As the rest of the Old Trafford crowd filtered away, they remained, staring at the pitch and at the East Stand, a mass of metal rising into the sky opposite them. They looked for all the world like extras from a Bond movie, the types who linger in half-lit doorways or sprout blades from the points of their shoes.

These, though, were strictly workaday spies. When the stadium was empty and the players had begun to emerge from the tunnel below to do their radio interviews. the woman, an interpreter, translated for the man, whose name was Miroslaw Miklos. He was the commercial director of FC Kosice. the Slovakian team that United play in their opening European Cup Champions' League match on

He spoke of how the match was the biggest event that had happened in the country since its secession from the old Czechoslovakia and how his club had gained the respect that had hitherto been



MANCHESTER UNITED 2 **WEST HAM UNITED 1**

By Oliver Holt Football Correspondent

denied them when they beat Spartak Moscow in the qualifying round for the Champions' League last month. Because Kosice's stadium was being renovated, he said that the game would be played at the ground of Lokomotiv Kosice. the Lok stadium, which had a capacity of 9,500.

He was too canny to venture any predictions on the outcome of the match, certainly not foolish enough to forecast an upset. Before he turned to leave, though, he said that he would be taking away one outstanding impression of the game that he had just seen, "I xpected a much bigger difference between Manchester United and

West Ham," he said. The difference on Saturday was that West Ham failed miserably to take their chances, whereas Scholes, one of England's midweek heroes against Moldova, linked up again with Beckham to grasp the opportunity he was given to score United's winner and send them back to the summir of

the FA Carling Premiership.
United, though, were still far from their imperious best. Keane. as Alex Ferguson, the United manager, pointed out afterwards. was "absolutely magnificent" throughout, but Giggs, was is suffering from a hamstring niggle, was fitful and unproductive and, in attack, Cole looked out of place

United have managed to remain unbeaten this season without ever producing the football that they are capable of. At the moment, that appears to be more than good enough for domestic competition, even though they rode their luck against a West Ham side that has improved immeasurably since last season and are all the richer for the addition of Berkovic just behind the front two, In Europe, though, even against Kosice, the standard

Although he could never admit it, Ferguson must be worried about the toothlessness of his attack, especially in the absence of Sheringham, in European games, where every chance must be seized. Cole, who has only occasionally looked like the rapier that United's midfield creativity deserves, missed an open goal in the



Gary Neville, left, and Beckham join Keane in celebrating the United captain's equaliser. Photograph: Gary M. Prior / Allsport

eighteenth minute on Saturday when he swung at Keane's cross and failed to make contact. Such is the perversity of football, of course, that he will probably score the winner in Slovakia.

United's winner against West Ham was a simple goal. After Poborsky and Beckham had worked the ball across the width of the pitch from left to right in the 75th minute, Gary Neville's cross was headed out to Beckham. He controlled it with his first touch.

then curled in a cross with his second. Scholes ran in behind his marker and headed the ball past Miklosko.

Even after that, Kitson, West Ham's guilty man all afternoon, spurned two golden chances to secure a share of the points. In the eightieth minute, he ran on to Hartson's pass but let the ball run away from him at the last second and prodded a weak shot wide and, two minutes from the end, he forced his way in front of Pallister but failed to make any significant contact with Unsworth's cross with the goal at his mercy.

West Ham had achieved what no other team this season had managed when Hartson pounced on a weak headed backpass by Pallister in the thirteenth minute, rounded Schmeichel and slipped the ball into the net. It was the first goal that United had conceded in nearly 12 hours of football.

Two minutes after that, though, Kitson should have extended West

through by Berkovic, but he hit his shot too close to Schmeichel and allowed the Dane to save. Midway through the half. Keane equalised with a deflected shot and the rest was down to Scholes.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — G Neville, H Berg, G Pallister, P Neville — D Sectham, N Burt, R Keene, R Goggs (sub: K Poborely, 68min) — A Cole (sub: B McClar, 90).

Wednesday wilt | Barnsley's meek as Ince casts giant shadow over Anfield



LIVERPOOL 2 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1

By Mark Hodkinson

THE smile, the clenched fists, a stare that would turn hardened criminals ashen: Paul Ince is back. While all around him was fainthearted and faltering, Ince was magnificent among the malaise at Anfield.

He scored, of course, but otherwise he did very little of note with the ball. His contribution to the game is insidious. His is a shadow of doom and it was east long over Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday. As the ball pinged erratically through midfield, the Wednesday players wore a haunted look as if, at any second, Ince would strike and rob them of the ball, their legs and, perhaps, their dignity.

"There is a kind of awe about Ince." David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, said. "He was the strongest in midfield today. You have to battle back and be tough with him." In the circumstances, it would be right to say that Wednesday were awestruck.

Inevitably, the first incident of note was a booking for lnce, who snapped his boot into the calf of Nicol As Nicol lay on the ground, Ince stood over him, shouting and waving his arms. The trainer was called, though no one was sure whether this was to tend to Nicol or to wipe the froth away from Ince's shirt.

Liverpool were worryingly out of rhythm in the first half. Thomas and Ince were reading different scripts in midfield, while using three central defenders looked an elaborate tactic against the team with scant attacking options. Des Walker, who is again showing the form that made him an England regular, marshalled Owen superbly, though the teenager's potential remains obvious.

The midfield's dearth of invention caused Liverpool's defenders to send long balls in the general direction of Owen and Riedle. A goal was essential to calm an increasingly nervous team and it came after a hectic goalmouth scramble. Ince emerged with his fist in the air and, as the Kop saluted the goal, he waved his forefinger knowingly to the crowd. This burgeoning rapport between Ince and the Liverpool supporters will cause much gnashing of teeth along the M62 at Old Trafford.

As he had been in the corresponding FA Carling Premiership fixture last season, McManaman was stalked by Atherton, but he has clearly picked up a few defensive tips. He made a sliding tackle on his marker and Thomas brilliantly placed the loose ball beyond Pressman, who had made a series of

wonderful saves, for Liverpool's second goal.
In a rare attack, Wednesday scored when Collins deflected a cross from Di Canio past James. The visitors tried to rally, but their formation was too rigidly defensive. It could not be adapted to take advantage of this sudden opportunity to retrieve the match.

Ince was blunt about his role in the victory.

"It's my job to lift the team and get us going the was the pot playing well." he said. He is a

when we are not playing well." he said. He is a player of limited vision and negligible dribbling skills, but he has a charisma that is the antithesis of, say, McManaman or Fowler. He draws air from a game, brings belligerence to beauty. He will either succeed splendidly at Anfield, or fail spectacularly. Paul Ince and

Anfield, or fail spectacularly. Paul Ince and half-measures are somehow incongruous. LWERPOOL (3-41-2): D James — B T Avarme, M Wingin, S Horkmess, S LD D Maries, 30min) — R James (sub. J McAleer, 89). P Ince, M Thomas, S I Bjornebye — S McManaman — M Owen, K Riedle M Thomas, S I Bjornebye — S McManaman — I Nolan, D Welser, J Newsome, S Nicol (sub. L Brasco, 67) — G Whitingham, P America, J Magitton, M Pembridge (sub. W Collins, 75) — P DI America, D Harst.

resistance lets Villa flatter to deceive



BARNSLEY 0

ASTON VILLA 3 By Richard Hobson

IT WAS almost as though Barnsley had signed a secret treaty of co-operation with Aston Villa designed to confuse the delegation of scouts from Bordeaux. The home side could not have been more compliant in this exercise of bluff.

"Watch out for those marauding runs from midfield by Mark Draper. And Stan Collymore, such an unselfish player in the attacking third." If Guy Stephan and Ele Baup, the Bordeaux manager and his assistant, heed the evidence of Saturday, then this will form the basis of their briefing before the Uefa Cup first-

round first-leg tie in France tomorrow.

Brian Little, the Villa manager, said afterwards that he could not think beyond the immediate necessity to acquire points for a domestic challenge. "Two weeks ago, when we were due to play Leeds United having lost our first four games, people were asking what the heck was going on. It looks a bit different now," Little said. But, yes, he supposed, the prepara-

tion could have been worse.

This was Villa's best performance of the season, without guestion. Collymore and Yorke gelled, the midfield prospered and successive clean sheets suggest that the defensive failings of the opening month have been corrected. How Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, must envy his counterpart.

Wilson is not a man to barbecue his side simply because of a defeat, but then this was no ordinary loss. "Our defending was absolutely pathetic for all three goals," he said. "It looked as though we were worried about the reputations of some of their players, but if we are going to be intimidated by big names, then we are in trouble, because there are an awful lot of them in this league."

He is entitled to worry. The best of sides are excused the occasional off-day, but, when they are consistently slower in thought, then a longer-term conclusion — and a grimmer one can be drawn. Perhaps the gap between the Nationwide League and the FA Carling Premiership is too wide for Barnsley to bridge

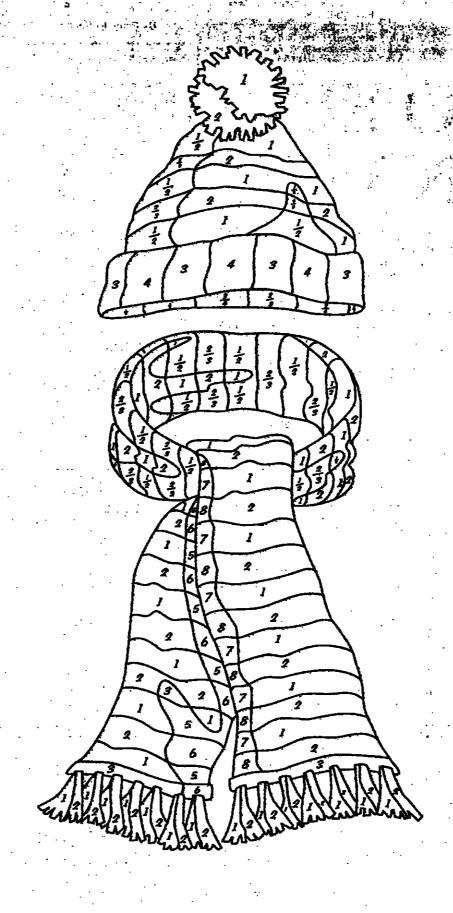
Failure to clear a corner allowed Ehiogu to send the ball beyond Leese via a deflection in the 26th minute and Draper, without a league goal for two years, missed two opportunities before he broke ahead of Tinkler to meet a Collymore pass and shoot underneath the advancing goalkeeper.

Collymore rattled a free kick against the bar and Yorke shot over from close range as chances mounted. Both strikers were spoilt by the room they were given behind the Barnsley back three, while the runs of Draper and Taylor went largely unchecked. Taylor sealed victory when he converted a low cross by Yorke.

Southgate confirmed afterwards that he is taking legal advice after Dr George Sik, a psychologist brought in by Villa to improve communication between players and manage-ment, questioned his wisdom in taking the infamous penalty against Germany in the European championship, during a talk to the British Association for the Advancement of Science last week. Sik had suggested that Southgate, in general, tended towards pessimism. It was not immediately apparent here.

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Reid dishes out lesson in initiative

Birmingham City0 Sunderland1

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

TREVOR FRANCIS, the Birmingham City manager, has fond memories of Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager. Reid was Francis's second signing after he had taken charge of Queens Park Rangers at the start of his managerial career. "He was a great lad and we've become good friends over the years." Francis recalled in his match programme notes.

At St Andrew's yesterday. the teacher was turned over by his former pupil. Reid's Sunderiand were always the more organised, imaginative and willing to try something different, no matter that they were a long way from home.

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Birmingham rarely looked like extending their unbeaten sequence of 17 league and cup matches, which began last season, and ran out of ideas long before the end of an unattractive and frequently niggly encounter. Although a 0-0 draw would have been enough to take them to the top of the Nationwide League first division, they barely deserved to attain such heights.

Francis had anticipated a scrap. "Sunderland were exactly what I expected," he said. They were very well prepared and totally committed. At times, they were too powerful for some of our lads.

We knew it was not going to be particularly entertaining and that we would have to grind out a result. I consider we've dropped only one point because we were never going to win it. Having said that, we should have still got the

Such negative thoughts ap-

through to his players. Even McCarthy, making his debut after a £1.5 million move from Port Vale in midweek, failed to make any significant impres-sion in a dull first half enlivened only by a series of spikey challenges and five bookings.

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"I felt a bit sorry for the television people," Reid said. "They certainly wouldn't have had many highlights to show at half-time." Ord's misdirected header, cleared off the goalline by Gray, was one of the few better moments.

Sunderland have taken a while to adjust to life outside the FA Carling Premiership, but relegation does not seem to have left too many scars, to judge from their third successive victory. Clark, cast aside by Newcastle United during the summer, was responsible for most of the creative work on view, while the busy Gray could never be left alone for too long.

Phillips - another closeseason recruit, from Watford also kept the Birmingham defence on full alert until retiring early with a groin muscle injury. "It's his abductor." Reid said, "you know, like the person who works on

the buses. Good humour was in similarly short supply in the second half, with John Kirkby, the referee, adding the name of Kevin Francis to his collection. At least a goal arrived, in the 72nd minute, when Smith flicked on Williams's throw-in and Gray drove into the net.

Reid, though, was not en-tirely satisfied. "If you don't play that well, the least you should look for is to be hard to beat." he said. "That's what we

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Gray, of Sunderland, celebrates the goal that was enough to inflict a home defeat on Birmingham City yesterday

Cambridge forced to break Abbey habit

Cambridge United 1

By NICK SZCZEPANIK

THE Abbey Stadium, according to a recent study, is the most welcoming of all 92 English league grounds for visiting supporters, who can enjoy sympathetic stewarding. clean toilets and excellent bacon sandwiches. On Saturday, followers of Barnet also saw their team become the first this season to experience any hospitality on the Abbey pitch they ended Cambridge United's run of three successive victories there with a convincing win of their own.

With Barnet having been overwhelmed 5-1 by Peterborough United six days earlier, John Still's team clearly returned to Cambridgeshire in no mood to suffer a repeat. Our best performance of the season," Still said. "It was a freak result last week. We're a new team trying to work a certain way and we'll have ups and downs because it's a learning process. We all have a bad day at the office; it's a

In a first half of scarcely believable dullness, nothing the home side did explained how they had risen to the leading positions in the Na-tionwide League third division. Their defence, for instance, fell apart in the 39th minute as Devine's flick provided Charlery with more than enough space to put Barnet ahead.

Devine got the second and had a weak penalty saved by Barrett before Heald headed Barnet's third, leaving Taylor poke in a late goal for Cambridge that consoled noleast of all Roy body, least of all l McFarland, the manager.

"It's put us on our backsides, but that might be a good thing at this stage," he said. In the first 20 minutes, we looked as if we thought we'd stroll it. Three goals flattered Barnet, but they could have got four." Or five, or six -- but that would have been taking hospitality a bit too far.

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Ware double wrecks Morecambe record

BY WALTER GAMMIE

3-1 home defeat by Hednesford Town ended the unbeaten record enjoyed by Morecambe, the Vauxhall Conference leaders, on a day that produced a hectic 5-5 draw between Rushden and Diamonds and Farnborough Town and further underlined the unpredictable feel to the early weeks of the season.

It was a matter of time before Hednesford's close-season recruitment brought re-wards, with Paul Ware, signed from Stockport County, scoring two of the goals. If Rushden can take any consolation from three times losing the lead, it is that four of their goals were scored by Adrian Foster, recruited in the close season from Hereford United and making his first full

appearance after a toe injury. Morecambe's slip-up means that Halifax Town are the sole unbeaten side, although they were one of ten Conference clubs engaged in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup on Saturday.

They came through safely. 4-1 winners over Droylesden

ence teams came unstuck Telford United were beaten 2-1 by Bedworth United, of the Dr Martens League, at Bucks Head and Leek Town fell 1-0 at Winsford United, of the UniBond League. Leek, trailing to a first-half header by Paul Wheeler, wasted a chance to force a replay when Steve Soley's penalty was saved by Andy Oakes.

Bedworth's victory, courtesy of second-half goals by Paul Corden and Robbie Beard, was a welcome tonic for a club whose survival was guaranteed only by supporters forming a new board in the summer. An even greater boost is a home tie in the next round against Nuneaton Borough, their local rivals, that will swell the coffers on Saturday week.

Mirrlees Blackstone, the United Counties League club, were beaten 1-0 at Rockingham Road, where Micky Nuttell's twelfth-minute goal brought Kettering Town, bottom of the Conference, their first win of the season. A crowd of only 768 reflected

Arguments for breakaway lack substance

BY KEVIN McCARRA

IN THE midst of the pocket of Aberdeen supporters at Ibrox on Saturday, a few "Yes, Yes" placards were waggled. This devolution slogan, deployed by the winners of last week's referendum in Scotland, was meant to taunt the followers of Rangers, who, with their penchant for the Union Jack, are naively assumed to be an undifferentiated mass of

crusty Conservatives. Before the interweaving of sport and politics could be pondered, the mere sight of those cheery signs had a jolting effect. One might have supposed that Aberdeen fans would be carrying "Oh. no" banners. There is little cause for a sunny disposition, when a person's affections are glued to a club with only two victories in the Bell's Scottish League since December.

In football, moods are quick both to flare up and to fizzle out. The Aberdeen enclave was exultant after the 3-3 draw on Saturday, even if there is only the flimsy thread of goal difference to keep them above bottom place in the table.

There were 24 goals in the premier division's five fixtures, demonstrating the contribution that incompetence can make to public merri-ment. The jollity was, of course, lost on Walter Smith, the Rangers manager. Disgust and anger vied for control of his features as he watched a match peppered with avoid-

Celtic were twice behind at Motherwell, before winning 3-2. The relief of their supporters cannot have been strong enough to hold at bay the disquieting thought that so disorderly a performance would leave them defenceless against Liverpool in the first leg of the Uefa Cup tie at Celtic

Park tomorrow night. Given their sagging defence, Rangers, in the same tournament, must trust that Nice continue to play as poorly as they have in the French league. Despite its eventful nature, the premier division could easily be regarded as a coarse form of entertainment

that accounts for the inade quacies of clubs when they compete in Europe.

The proposals for the reconstruction of Scottish football are supposed to rest on a noble desire to elevate those standards Last week, the tenmember clubs of the premier division announced that they wish to break with the Scottish Football League (SFL) and form an independent body, the Scottish Premiership.

Instead of solid strategy. however, the revolutionaries have offered only foggy sentiment. There are promises of youth development and assurances that wealth will still trickle down to the 30 smaller clubs left behind. The Scottish Premiership even intends to maintain promotion and relegation with the SFL.

So great is the apparent respect of premier division. members for the status quo: that they have yet to explain why they need to detach themselves. The present tele-vision deals, which bring in a paltry £12 million over four years, are scorned, but they were negotiated four years ago and have been overtaken by events.

Much better contracts would be agreed next summer, even if the SFL remained intact. Nor can the premier division representatives accuse the rest of the clubs of being leeches when they retain 87 per cent of television evenues.

Yesterday, representatives of the first, second and third division clubs met to discuss the breakaway. Most are, at best, suspicious. It is scarcely surprising that they have still to be persuaded, for those who seek to found the Scottish Premiership are not convinced

Advocates of the Scottish Premiership should frame a far more compelling case. Although the leading clubs seem to have the power to force through their scheme, a bleak future is in prospect if they are capable of winning only the battle and not the

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tion is safe in the hands of BSkyB, but I cannot. Not confidently, anyway. It is nothing to do with the television coverage, which on Saturday saw a huge improve-ment on the indifferent camera-work that marred the opening day of the season at Bath. No. the problem is the rugby. Many more afternoons like Saturday and competition could be friendless again. This time permanently.

rugby union's newest competi-

The Stoop Memorial Ground is virtually second home to Sky's outside broadcust units - if it is not Super League and the London Bronens, it is rugby union and Harlequins — but no amount of familiarity or technical wiz-ardry could disguise the first problem to afflict Harlequins against Bourgoin. Almost nobody had turned up to watch ir. As Mark Durden-Smith and Kyran Bracken plodded through a half-hour build-up. the grandstand behind them

remained stubbornly empty.

Luck of crowd is what blighted television coverage of club rugby for years. Apart from prompting the viewer to ask himself "what am I doing watching this if nobody else is?", there is something particularly depressing about the

way that a few lonely shouts of encouragement carry over a muddy rugby field. It is a problem that has eased with rugby's renaissance. The crowds at Bath and Leicester have no problem producing the sort of roar that a sound engineer can do something with, but on Saturday at the Stoop, Sky needed either a miracle-worker — or a cheat. Lacroix's lessons in placekicking certainly gave Sky's camera operators opportunity to practise following the ball over the goalposts, the skill that mysteriously cluded them at the Recreation Ground. They did not miss a single one.

including the effort that left

Favre's boot at 90 degrees to

the intended angle and never got more than six inches off

the ground. "I think the kick-



MATTHEW BOND TV ACTION REPLAY

ing tee got closer to the nosts than the ball," Stuart Barnes observed from the commentary box.

Sky's cameras also managed to pick up an impressive number of off-the-ball incidenis, or punches as they are more commonly known. In that respect, they put their French counterparts covering Pau v Llanelli to shame, The French director saw no punches, which at least put him in agreement with the referee. The replay of Torossian headbutting an opponent we ap-peared to see by accident. Certainly, we never saw it again. "If that had been a Welsh player doing that, we'd have had 37 replays by now,"

Mark Robson commented. Pau against Llanelli and the similarly bruising encounter between Brive and Pontypridd yesterday provided the first opportunity I had had to hear Sky's B team in action and I was half-impressed. Robson

might have been one of his jokes that led to Dewi Morris having a rather uncomfortable game alongside him on Saturday. "Rupert Moon," Robson noted, "18 caps for Wales but many more appearances on the bench - makes him the Dewi Morris of Welsh rugby. I suppose." Good thing it was not Barnes sitting next to him. He would have got

thumped.
Jokes apart, Morris, who had a better time yesterday, is discovering that there is more to this co-commentary lark than most former players imagine, particularly once their fame begins to fade. The amount of time that you can survive on platitudes and sporting cliches gets shorter

and shorter. Barnes realised this with impressive speed and "you might not agree with me but you can't ignore me" stance. The haircut, which after Saturday I now realise is not a George Clooney but a variation of the new Will Carling, is just part of the belligerent image.

hatever you think of his adopted style (of V punditry, not hair), there is little disputing the fact that it does work. On Saturday. Barnes's arrival in the presentation studio helped Durden-Smith to fill the long hour between the end of one game and the beginning of the next and he was still there as the five hours of European rugby came to a close. Barnes

that the decision by Leo anyone off despite a dozen outbreaks of fisticuffs, suggested that he was suffering from Neville Chamberlain complex. He thought he had

peace in our time." Yesterday, he had referees under the cosh again as Pontypridd's thrilling fightback against Brive was thwarted by a contentious injury-time try "That's an appalling decision by Ed Murray." Barnes thundered as the belated replay revealed absolutely no sign of the ball under a maul. You can see the referee's legs but you can't see the ball - how can he give that decision?" If he would just stop sitting on the fence, he could get really

The football manager dubbed a 'turnip' is back at Vicarage Road and happy to put down fresh roots

Return to his old patch suits **Taylor**

er had any difficulty sleeping, whatever casual cruelty football has inflicted upon him during the day. The essential difference between managing Watford, at the top of the Nationwide League second division, and England, on the verge of elimination from the World Cup, is that he no longer wakes wreathed in a cold sweat.

Today, his 53rd birthday, is the type of occasion that encourages a glance in life's rearview mirror. Taylor has been drained of tension, yet still recognises himsell as touchline figure", a decent lamily man reduced to obscene incoherence by the stresses

of English football's most unforgiving job. That image, from the self-destructive television documentary that charted the decline and fall of his England regime, endures. He is still taunted

as the turnip of tabloid mythology. but is no longer affronted by admissions of frailty. He has had his privacy invaded, his personality maligned and his principles violated, but his pride is

He has reverted to type, finding in his return to Warford a refuge that offers unconditional respect rather than unrelenting contempt. He remains suspicious of strangers and, despite being the son of a journalist, still refuses to allow a newspaper into his home. It has taken him four years to lose the

pallid, jowly look of a loser.

He sat, hunched into a corner of an empty dressing-room, before the 2-1 victory over Chesterfield on Saturday that stretched Watford's lead at the top to four points. He was in reflective, almost confessional mood, but his eyes were expressive where once they were hooded, haunted. He was, in turn, wistful, wry, defensive and defiant.

"I'd be disappointed in myself if. towards the end with England, I had looked anything other than ill," he admitted, leaning forward with his elbows resting on his knees to emphasise the point. "When things are going radically wrong, I can't see how you can smile about it. Sure, I ranted and raved, but I was working. I was in there, doing it. I'm not prepared to compromise. Why should I?

"People say it got to me and, given that I'm not used to waking up in the morning

and screwing the sweat out of my pyjamas, it probably did. But I do ately, very deeply, about anything I am committed to. Remember that we are talking about having the hopes and ambitions of a nation on your shoulders. They may be unrealistic hopes and ambitions, but they weigh very heavily.
"How upset or

overjoyed should you get about people's opinions of you? I've learnt not to worry about image. I look at some people in the game, who are so conscious about what others think about them, and I smile. I

themselves. Image may seem so much to so many, but I can look through that and see the real Self-awareness is, however, a painful privilege. He was football's learus, a gilded youth who flew too close to The Sun. He was ambitious, articulate, a champion of family values when the game was tainted. The accolades, accumulated during a decade in which

can see them trying to recreate

counted for nothing when he was headhunted from Aston Villa to succeed Bobby Robson. Two defeats marked his downfall. The first, a 2-1 loss to the host

nation. Sweden, resulted in elimi-

he took Watford from the fourth division to the FA Cup Final.



The Watford dugout has afforded Taylor a welcome escape from abuse and intrusion. "I am in my element," he says. "This is a very special place."

nation from the 1992 European championship. "That's where the problems started." Taylor said. We were leading at half-time and I substituted Gary Lineker, a nation's hero. From that moment, we had to qualify for the World Cup. We didn't and I had to go." The second defeat, endured by Wolverhampton Wanderers away

to Bolton Wanderers in the first division play-off semi-final in 1995, was, by his own admission, "very, very damaging personally". Four months later, driving up the M6, he heard a local radio report on his impending departure from Molineux. "I was very philosophical," he said. "The yobbo element among Wolves fans had combined with the yobbo element in the tabloid press to get me. They fed off each other. I could have refused to resign, but they would have sacked

"I made a little speech to myself: it would appear, Graham, that you are going to have to face up to what you are going to do with the rest of your life. That might be outside football.' I have to say the prospect didn't cause me any grief







at all." He kept a private promise man. Losing my job made me see things in perspective, look at my home and family differently, but I and watched England's cricketers tour South Africa, but the psychological scars began to heal only was still unwanted. To be told game after trailing to goals by when Geoff Smith, the Watford there was no role for me, in a game Ronny Rosenthal and Jason Lee. president and a former boardroom in which I had been involved for but Taylor remained largely imally, asked him to return to passive. His one concession to

"I really needed that call," Taylor said. "What the public don't understand is that the fact I am a football manager makes me no different to any other unemployed

Vicarage Road.

my entire working life, was a real rejection. I needed someone at that time to say 'Hey, we need you'." Now, to borrow a phrase from Elton John, the Watford chairman, Graham is back where he be-

longs". He has a visible affinity

Saturday afternoons, though, still play on the emotions, generating delight and despair with the community and is building a vibrant new team. Chester-field were allowed back into the

> exasperation was to run his hand through his hair. "I am in my element at Wat-ford," he said. This is a very special place where everyone, players, directors and supporters,

fight for the same cause. I almost had to leave to learn about the real world. I went to clubs with so many factions, where certain people had their own agendas. They wanted it to go badly for their own reasons and that problem was magnified with England.

Now I look at the hype of the Premiership and realise it is quite pleasure to work in the second division. Football is escapism. Is it a real job? Compared to many, it is not. I am relaxed, but I'm still ambitious. Of course, I'd like to be England manager again, but

that's never going to happen.
"Only a few of us know what
that job is all about. The demands placed on you, by so many people, make it the type you can only stand for so long. It is so results-orient-ated and Glenn [Hoddle] is getting the results. Good for him, but I know what I am about. People think I'm trying to prove myself. but I'm just enjoying myself. I know that, supposing we get promotion, they'll sneer and say well, that's his level'. Why should I worry? All the cheap lines have already been used at my expense."

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Graciousness in defeat

From Mr Supraj Rajagopalan

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Sir, In all the excitement that has surrounded the resurgence of British tennis recently, it seems that we have forgonen to give good sportsmanship the credit it deserves. Tim Henman's abrupt departure from the court and subsequent failure to acknowledge his opponent's superiority after his loss to Michael Stich at Wimbledon was a prime example.

Perhaps he should look to Greg Rusedski who, after giving his all for four hard sets. still managed to smile and praise his conqueror. Pat Rafter, in the US Open final. We all want to see British stars winning, but it is important they set an example to youngsters by being as gracious in defeat as in victory. For this reason, as well as his great US Open run, the nation should be proud that Rusedski is British.

Yours faithfully, SUPRAJ RAJAGOPALAN, 11 Crecy Walk. Hensington Gate, Woodstock, Oxfordshire.

From Mr K Broad Sir, Fred Perry ... Henman . . . Greg Rusedski . . . isn't it about time we stopped crowing about the successes of our tennis stars? Yours faithfully. KEN BROAD. Church Aston. Newport. Shropshire.

Rightful home

From Mr Nick Lorentzen Sir, Simon Barnes (Hoarding the Ashes is Cultural Cringe, September 3) hit a good many nerves and went to the heart of the relationship between

England and Australia. I was born in England and only settled in Australia eight years ago, yet I feel more Australian than ever I did English. Switching my sport-

Club cricket should have been postponed

SPORTS LETTERS

From Mr P Bennett

Sir. I was astonished by the decision of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) regarding the playing of amateur cricket on September 6. For them to say that "recreational cricket should be played" was an insensitive and incomprehensible statement that has caused local and, I am certain, national disagreement.

If the other sports, such as rugby union and football, can make dramatic alterations to their playing schedules, why was an exception made for cricket. More surprisingly, why did the media allow them to get away with it? Our local league ruled that "All games

ing allegiances was a natural

become a clamour. They must

be allowed to come to Australia.

Barnes described.

affecting promotion and relegation must be played, while other matches may be cancelled." Unfortunately, for the first time in the history of my club, which is 122 years old, we were involved in a promotion battle. After long deliberation, it was decided to cancel the second XI game, but the first XI game went ahead, after observing a twominute silence. I, and many others were unhappy, but the club felt forced into this action, initially encouraged by the ECB and then forced by our League. Yours faithfully

PHIL BENNETT. The Old Forge, Churt, Nr Farnham, Surrey.

and easy process, not only because of the hope and optimism here but also Australia. because of the freedom from shibboleth and class that I was pleased to hear an

English voice raised in support of the Australians' rightful and legitimate claim to the Ashes. That one voice should now

Yours sincerely, NICK LORENTZEN 79 Whale Beach Road. Whale Beach, Sydney, nicklorentzen@msn.com

Some appetite From Mr Peter Allsopp

Sir. I was entertained to read Dickie Bird's declaration in The Times (September 8) that

he would pick Geoff Boycott to bat for his life. Some months ago, I was at a Burslem hotel at the same time as Mr Bird and was privileged to see him at breakfast. If ever I have to nominate anyone to eat breakfast for my life, I shall look no further. Yours etc.

PETER ALLSOPP. 138 Ashby Road, Hinckley, peteralisopp@apexsystems.com

How to make game better

From Mr Simon Robinson and Dr Bryan Robinson Sir, While current proposals for the county championship have some good points, the following seem better:

The present competition should be replaced with a similar system in three regions, the leading teams from which would gain a semi-final place in an end-of-season knockout tournament; second and thirdplaced teams would battle for the fourth place. The resultant championship would provide players with an incentive to be consistent and reduce travel. Speciators' interest would continue through the early season, with the prospect of an exciting climax in late summer. SIMON ROBINSON,

BRYAN ROBINSON, Forest View, Hawthorn Lane. Farnham Common.

From Mr C. J. A. Slater

Sir, With reference to Gordon Wright's letter (September 8), concerning the use of concrete wickets, the idea was also put forward in 1948 by Sir Donald Bradman.

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Noting the low standard of English cricket at the time, he organised a fund to provide concrete wickets covered with matting for practice. My club, Church Stretton, in Shropshire, was, I believe, the second club to receive a donation from the

It enabled young players to play without fear of being hurt, but I cannot think of any locals who went on to a high grade of cricket because of it. We also used similar pitches for all the RAF cricket I played in the 1950s. It was excellent, although we were fortunate that Fred Trueman, stationed at the next camp, declined to play against us, as he was in the Test team.

Yours faithfully, C. J. A. SLATER, 29 Rookwood Drive, Stevenage,

This week in THE TIMES



Tomorrow A look at the Uefa Cup prospects for England and Scotland's clubs as a week of European football kicks off.

■ Friday All eyes on Taunton and Canterbury in the race to be cricket's county champions.

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UEFA CUP: First round, first leg: Alético Madrid v Leicester (8.30), Borrieau v Astan Villa, Coltr v Liverpool (8.0), PACK Salonica v Arsendi (8.45), RC Strasbourg v Rangers COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, first leg: Blackpool v Covenirs, Burnley v Stole (7.45), Chesterfield v Barmsloy (7.45); Fulham v Wolverhampton (7.45); Huddersfield v West Ham (7.45), Hull v Cystal Palace; bewich v Tompusy (7.45); Leyton Onert v Botton (7.45), Luton v West Bromwich (7.45), Middlesbrough v Barmet (7.45), Notis Country Tranmeter (7.45), Middlesbrough v Barmet (7.45), Notis Country Tranmeter (7.45), Southbrope v Everton (7.45), Southend v Derby (7.45); Sunderland v Burny (7.45), Waldord v Shetfield Utd (7.45), Nation v Mithed (7.45), Hajfax v Tellord (7.45); Hayes v Chelorough v Slough (7.45); Hajfax v Tellord (7.45); Hayes v Chelorough v Slough (7.45); Hajfax v Tellord (7.45); Hayes v Chelorough v Slough (7.45); Wetting v Sievenage (7.45); Yeowi v Kidserminster (7.45) West Harn United: L. Mildosto, T. Breacker, S. Potts, R. Feidmand, D. Leswortt, J. Moncur (soft: F. Lampard, 80), E. Bertovic, S. Lomas, M. Hughes, J. Hartson, P. Kitson Eventon: N Southall, E Barrett (sub. N Barnsby, 60mm), A Mincheldte, C Shot, Billic, D Welfamson, G Speed, J Oster, G Steat, D Fergason, M Branch (subr. D Cadamateri, 1 Inter). 1 12 7 2 0 0 6 1 13+10 Men Utd 1 0 0 4 2 3 0 1 13 3 12+12 2 Blackburn Referenc D Elleray. 6 2 0 0 5 2 1 1 2 5 6 10 (1) 1 WIMBLEDON Court 2 Perry 59 Ekolo: 75 NEWCASTLE (1) 3 6 West Ham 7 Liverpool 8 Coventry Newcastle United: S Given, W Barlon, Isutr: T Ketshala, 64min), J Beresland, R Lee, I Rush, J Barnes, J D Tomasson, K Gillespia (sub: F Asprilla, 64), S Watson, A Pistone, P 10 Tottenham

Tottenham Hotspur: ! Walter, S Car., J Scales, S Compbelli 6 Mabbutt, A Nielsen, D Howelts, D Ginola, J Cominguez, L Ferdinand (sub: C Amestrong, 45min), S Clemence. (3) 3 LEEDS Wallace 3, 17 BLACKBURN Liverpoot: D. James, R. Jones (sub; J. McAleer, 89mm), B. Ixarme, M. Whight, S. McAlenarnan, S. Hartness (sub. Matter, 28min), K. Riede (sub. P. Berger, 73min), I. Thomas, P. Ince, M. Owen, S.I. Bjornebye.

Leicester City: K Keller, P Kaannark (sub: A Collee, 88min), 5 Guppy (sub: 6 Fenton, 88min), M Effoti, S Prior, S Walsh, M Izzel, M Lewon, G Parlor, 1 Marchall (sub: 5 Clandge, 73mm), E Heskey.

Sheffield Wednesday: K Pressman, P Atherton, I Notan, M Pembridge (suts. W Collins, 73min), J Nowsome, D Walker. G Whitingham, D Hirst, P Di Caulo, S Nicoli (suc: L Briscoe, Gilmin), J Magillion.

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Dundes United: S Dylstra, R McKinnon (soft M Easton, B4min). M Mations, S Pressiev, M Perry, E Poderson, K Clatsson, L Zeiterhand, E McSwegan, J Dolan (sub G Randund, 61), P Walter (sub: A McLaren, S3). Klimamocic: C Meldham, S Montpunette, M Baker, Mytherorik, McGowine, M Reilly, P Newfo (sub: D Bagan, 76), W Findlay, P Wright (sub: M Roberts, 79). A Mitchell, J Vaneille (sub: R Vincent, 63) Roberts: Taylor.

Hibermann: O Goltskalksson, W Milder (sub: S McCallrey, 89min), J Boco, J Chemier (sub: B Gaant, 89), A Dods, B Welsh, A Dowr, B Lavely, S Crawford, A Houger (sub: K Harper, 99), P McGalaky.
Darnfermiane: I Westhester, G Streeds, C Miller, A Touris Barnett (sub: 1 Den Berman, 44), H Carran, A Moore (sub: Streptan, 45), C Milder, A Smith, H French, Herneng (sub: Brighann, 79).
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Motherwell: S Woods, E May, S McMillan, I Ross (sub: E Sthate, 64mm), B Martin, 6 Denham, M Welf, S Valitari (sub. I McCarloch, 45), T Coyne, M Falconer, D Coyle, Cellic: J Goods, T Boyd, S Meine, M Winghorst, M Risper, Stuths, H Larsone, C Burley, S Donnelly, A Thora (sub. J McMamara, 74), R Blinter.
Referee: M McCarry

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St. Johnstone: A Main, J McChailan, C Dendson, A Salestingte (sub: 6 Farquite, 77min), S McClustey, D Griffin (sub: 5 Toch, 35), P Soot, J O'Nell (sub: K V'relifora, 82), R Grad, G O'Boyle, A Preston.
Heart of Middothiem: G Rousset, A McMarus, M Ponton, D War, S Salveton, P Michig, N McCarm, S relaton, 1 Hamilton (sub: J Robertson, 86), I Cameron (sub: G Locke, 55), S Adem.
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FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Cheisea v Arsenei (4.0) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Chariton v Bradion FRIDAY NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Breniford v Wycombe (7.45)

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UNBOND LEAGUE: Premier division; Colwyn Bay 0 Boston 3; Runcom 1 Altracham 0 First division: Bradford PA 4 Buxton 1; Eastwood Town 1 Fixton 1; Trafford 1 Congleton 3 Anderson, right, of Barcelona, clashes with Naybet, of Deportivo La Coruña during Barcelona's 2-1 home victory in the Spanish league on Saturday NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES Dover 2. Harlow 0 Metropolitan Police 2: Croydon 0 Wiverhoe 4: Gravesend and Northfleet 3 Brantines 3: Hillingdon 0 Windsor and Elon 2: Barton 1 Clapton 0; Bedfont 2 Chasham 4: Margate 6 Bracknetl 0; Portfield 2 Viking Sports 1, Berkhamsted 1 Deal 1, Knypersley 1 Atherstone 0; Bedford 0 Kingstonian 5. JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First di JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE HYST OF VISION: AFC Newbury 0 Bournemouth 1; BAT 0 Cowes Sports 4; Bernerton Heeth Harl 0 East Cowes 1, Christichurch 2 Aerostructures 4; Romeey 0 Eastleigh 10; Ryde Sports 0 Andover 7; Whitchurch 2 Totton 2. EACUP COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashlord 6 Mersham 1; Ash 1 Cobham 0: Cranleigh 1; Feltham 2: Famham 6 Walton Casuls 2; Hartiery Wilniney 1 Cripsteed 1, Netherte 3 Cove 0: Raynes Park Vale 3 Sandhurst Westheld 2 Reading 3; Godalming and Guilford 1 Chessington and Hook 2. Minierva spartan south Midlands
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SCREWFOX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Backwell () Burnstaple 1, Bridport 3 Keynsham 5; Tomington 1 Elmore 1, Westbury () Bristol Manor Farm () UHLISPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEA-GUE: Premier division: Boston 3 Long Buckby 2, Cogenhoe 2 Samplerd 3, Statioti I St Neols 0) Wellingborough 2 Kempston 0, Yarley 1 Ford Sports 4. UNIVET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Prot division: Mile Oak 0 Ringmor 0; Pogham 0 Halibram 2: Reachaven and Telscombe 1; Reachaven and Telscombe 1; Hecsocks 4 Horsham YMCA 0 Kartzruher SC 2; MSV Dusburg 2 Worder Bromen 1; Bayer Loveilusen 2 Munch 1860 2; Bayern Munich 3 Hertra Berin 0; Borussia Mönchengladbach 2 VfL Boch-WORLD CUP: Asian qualitying zone: Final round: Group A: China 2 Iran 4 (in Dallan) EGYPT: Under-17 World Cup: Quarter-final; Brazi 2 Argentina 0 BELGIAN LEAGUE: Friday: Standard Licqu 1 Andertecht 2 Saturday: Excelsor Mouscon 0 Germinal Eleron 1: Charlorol 2 Lokeren 0. Bearen 2 Westerlo 0; RWO Molenbeck 2 Sant Trauden 0; Leron 1 Lammel Sk 4; RC Genk 3 Alost 2; Gheni 0 Hareboke 0 FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National division: Everton 1 Croydon 0, Liverpool 0 Millwell 0; Tranmere 0 Doncestor 2 ITALIAN LEAGUE: Saturday: Brosca 3 Sampdona 3. Loczo 1 Udinese 2; AC Milan 1 Lazio 1. Yesterday: Bologna 2 Internazionale 4; Florentina 3 Bari 1, Nepoli 2 Empoli 1, AC Parma 2 Atalunta 2; Vicenza 1 Reposta 2 centro 2:

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FORECAST: Half-time: No claims required (withings continuous matter), dividing to come draws and 11 no-score draws and 11 no-dend torecast is very good with six soone draws and theo no-score draws and two no-score draws.

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FA. CARLING PREMIERSHIP: 7: C. Sulton (Backburn) 8: I Winght (Arsenal). K. Gallacher (Blackburn) 5: D. Berghamp (Arsenal). 4: B. Carbono (Sheir Wod). J Horison (West Ham), G. Valli (Chelsoa). R. Wallace (Leeds). 3: N. Blake (Bolton). D. Dubbin (Coventry). L. Ferdhand (Tortesmann). D. Petrescu (Chelsea). F. Aspnila (Newcastle). J Bersstord (Newcastle). 2: Beckham (Man Util). Berkowic (West Ham). Spirk (Wrednam). Third division: 9: M Camunors (Poterborough) 7: 1 Onnstie (Mansfield). 6: G Bernett (Chester), J Quanti (Peterborough). 5: A Bad (Swarcea), M Kyd (Cambridge Utel D Roberts (Darlington), S Dovine (Barnot), C Gritton (Leyton Onant), A Calvo-Garca (Scunthorpe). GERMAN LEAGUE: Friday, Arminia Bie-lefeld O Harisa Rostock 1; SV Hamburg 2 FC Cologne 1 Saturday, VIL Wolfsburg 0 Schalke 04 0; Bonussia Dortmund 2 BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division

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Bone (Shring), J Mendes (St Meren), S Cooper
(Andron), S Kerngan (Alp), W Hawler (Greenock
Morlan), Second division: 7: B Thomson (Inverness CT), 6: S Maller (Quoen of South), 4: G
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Flannigan (Quoen of South) Third division: 7: G
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Spence (Arbroath), K Walton (Berwick). NATIONIVIDE LEAGUE: First division: 7: P van Moujdonk, (Notinsgham Forest) 5: S Aloes (Portsmouth), S Buil (Wolverhampton), D Johnson (Bury), L Mills (Port Vale) 4: R Keene (Wolverhampton), K Philips (Sundarfand), P Devlin (Bramingham), Edmino (Bradiord), J A Fjortott (Sheffleid Utd), C Hay (Swindon, 1 for Celtic). A Hurt (West Bromworth, N Jernson (Oxford Utd), L Jones (Trammere), P Ndiovu (Birmangham), Second division: 6: D Seal (Northampton), R Boli (Valsail), R Taylor (Brentford), M Jernsen (Cartsla), 5: J Beore (Southend), S Goaler (Bristol City), B Hyles (Bristol Rovers), M Stallard (Wycombel), D

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By DAVID HANDS RUEBY CORRESPONDENT

WHATEVER preconceptions Englih clubs may have about complition in Europe, they are not having matters their own bay within the home union, never mind France and faly. Leicester came a cropper in Dublin on Friday and, a a bright and breezy Hawie yesterday. Bath threatned to go the same way before asserting themselves in the final quarter.

Maye it was the impend-ing leparture of Clive Woodvard, their backs coach, to national duty with England, maybe the dismay of losing JeremyGuscott on the verge of his coneback — whatever the reason Bath spent an uncomfortable hour in which they looked ulnerable to a Scottish Bordes team that defended like denons in the second half and wre always prepared to run attheir visitors.

Thelarge crowd at Mansfield firk will have shared the disappointment that Guscott could not play his first game since reaking his forearm in the inal international between the British Isles and South Africa in July. Guscott strained a back ligament in trainile.

When Catt left the field at the intrval with a bruised hip, Bath back division struggled even nore. Indeed, their inability to find a cutting edge led to a distinctly old-fash-ioned fame, in which the swift rucking of the Borders and the cunning of Bryan Redpath gave the home side a glimmer of hop midway through the second half as they edged to withinfive points.

But Bath's equally old-fashioned apacity to raise their game when the chips are down carned them two late tries. tle first by Ojomoh, who playedlike a man anxious to. prove a point. After early handling errors, Ojomoh's pace of the back of numerous scrum tied up the hard-working Borders back row and povided the focal point that Bah so frequently lacked.

Earlshaw, the blond flanker, gave Bath their initial cushici with two tries as they took erritorial advantage of the wiid. The second was a joy to see ifter the Borders turned . over jossession and decisive passing between Pellow, Butlaid and Wood gave Earnshaw space to score, yet the dirting Welsh and the strong running of Murray ensured that the Bath defence could seldom rest.

HERD DIVISION

That Perry scored a third try after extbook work by Bath's forwards may have left the visitos feeling reasonably comfertable at the interval. even though Welsh nibbled back heir advantage with two of a flood of penalties awarded to the Scots, frequently for Bath offending in the tackle. The little fly half added a third and adelightful pass from, of all ecople, Wright gave Stanger a clear run to the line.

That though, was as near as the Borders could come. Earnshaw ended a prolonged periodof pressure by sending Ojomth over and though Aitchisorladded a fourth penalty. Horsman was able to roll over from atapped penalty.

SCORER: Scottish Borders: Try: Stanger (Serini) leneity gottis: Welsh 3 (11, 40, 42), Airchton (73). Bath: Tries: Earnshaw 2 (4, 17), Phy (25). Opmoh (69). Horsman (80). Conjensions: Callard 3 SCORING SEQUENCE (Scottish Borders first): 0-5, 15, 3-12, 3-19, 6-19 (hall-time), 9-19, 14-11, 14-26, 17-26, 17-31.

first: 0-5, 3-5, 3-12, 3-19, 6-19 (hall-lime), 9-19, 14-11, 14-26, 17-26, 17-31, SOOTTS! BORDERS: G Alichison (Kelso): A Stanger (Hawack), C Murray (Hawack): Gro S Nichol, Melross, Softran, K Otherson (Kelso), M Monoriell (Melross); S Welsh (Hawack, B Redpath (Melross); S Welsh (Hawack, B Redpath (Melross); S Brothestains, Melross, 7-4), P Witgin (Wesl of Scollard), R Brown (Melrose), I Fullarion (Dundee HSFP), C Redpath (Melrose), A Roobung (Kelso), C Hogg (Melrose).

BATH: J Jallard: M Wood (rep: C Harrison 40), P of Glannille, M Call Irep J Ewens, 40), M Phy; R Buttand, R Pellow, D Hasn Irep: C Hystran, 70), M Regan, Vilbogu, M Redman, D Lyle (Pep. M Hoag, 59), R Earnshay, R Websier (rep: R Bryan, 74-78), S Ojomol, Reference) Williams (Welse).

RUGBY UNION: POWERFUL DISPLAY BY ENGLISH CHAMPIONS EARNS SECOND HEINEKEN CUP WIN

Logan at home as Wasps dominate

By Mark Souster

A SECOND win away from nome left Wasps top of Pool B in the Heineken Cup yesterday and looking good for automatic qualification for the quarter-finals, but mere match details were always likely to be of secondary importance on the day of Kenny Logan's return to

Glasgow, The Scotland wing took matters into his own hands last season when he left Stirling County to join Wasps. People criticised him for his decision and predicted failure. Instead, he immediately won a championship-winners' med-al with Wasps, for whom his try scoring played a signifi-cant part in the title run-in.

Logan's obvious enjoyment of life in London earned him the sobriquet "Champagne Charlie" after Charlie Nicholas, the footballer, who followed the same route when he left Celtic for Arsenal in 1983. Logan had few opportunites

to show his ability at the Scotstoun Stadium yesterday. as Wasps played in fits and starts. He lived off scraps for much of the match but made several telling runs before scoring Wasps' fourth try when he beat a tiring Glasgow defence to touch down in the right corner.

By then, Gareth Rees had kicked the committed district side into submission. Glasgow succumbed only in the last 12 minutes, when they conceded three tries in quick succession. Rees scored 21 points from five penalty goals and three conversions, his only blemish being two missed conversions



build upon their win in Ulster. After the kick-off was delayed by 15 minutes to allow the 5,000 crowd time to enter the ground, Rees began his haul with three penalty goals in 18

Hayes, the fly half, one of two New Zealanders who played for the Cook Islands in order to facilitate their move to

Hayes and Fraser Stott, his half-back partner, were a con-stant threat to Wasps. Stott scrum on the 22.

twice caught Gomarsall early on at the base of the scrum, and Dallaglio found Hayes a real irritant. Gomarsall, though, is a plucky individual and he scored Wasps' first try when he burst clear from a

quins' quality, by their wide

game and specially the way they kept the ball." Michel

Couturas, the Bourgoin coach, said. He did, though,

Glasgow, who were guilty at times of kicking away too much hard-won possession. decided that they had no need to be intimidated by a side boasting nine internationals. Roared on by their supporters, they replied with a try through

a tapped penalty. White dropped King's pass, and Hayes picked up the loose ball to run in from 40 metres.

Logan's strong run, in which he broke three tackles before being hauled down close to the line, led to Wasps' second try, scored by Sheasby from the resulting five-metre SCRIMI. Glasgow enjoyed their best

spell in the third quarter. Stark weaved 40 metres through the middle and Glasgow piled forward. Mc-llwham was stopped on the line, but when the ball was recycled Hayes drifted right and crossed for his second try. The home side, scenting a

comeback, surged again; Stott was tackled inches from the line and then, as the ball was taken wide, only Dallaglio's timely tackle on Simmers prevented another score.

That signalled the end of

Glasgow's resistance. They began to miss tackles through sheer fatigue, allowing Wasps to add a healthy, but flattering, sheen to the score.

SCORERS: Glasgow: Tries: Hoyes 2 (27mm, 47) Bulloch (80) Conversion: Hayes, Little Penelty goal: Hayes (15) Wasps: Tries: Convasal (23) Sheasty (30), Greenstock (67), Logan (70), Roser (75) Conversions: Res 3 Panalty goals: Res 5 (5, 12, 18, 44, 54).

WASPS: G Rees; S Rolser, N Greensto R Henderson, K Logan; A King, Gomarsell (rep: M Wood, 73); W Gen Mitchell (rep: D Maccer, 68), D Molov, Staw, M Weedon (rep: D Comin, 66), Sheasby, L Dalleglin, M White.

Sella turns on the old magic to fire Saracens

Castres ...

BY ALISON KERVIN

SARACENS celebrated their first competitive home game of the season yesterday with a crucial victory in the European Conference. They beat Castres - arguably the strongest French side in the conference - in a fast and fluid

They had no problem achieving their pre-match aim of combining the experience of their international players with the fitness and enthusiasm of their young hopefuls. Castres reached the final of

the Conference last year, so Saracens are now in the happy position of having wins against last year's semi-final-ists and finalists under their belts. It is a credit to the enormous amount of work they have done during the close season.

In addition to moving grounds and purchasing a remote-control car that drives on to the field carrying the kicking rings, they have been on a signing frenzy and now have 14 internationals on their books. Paradoxically, it was a Frenchmen who dominated the action for them yesterday. Phillipe Sella, the veteran centre, was awesome — faster, in thought and action, than any of the younger players on the field. Despite being in his mid-thirties. Sella is still as creative and fast as he was when he graced the field for France in his heyday.

Saracens took the lead after a couple of minutes when Paul Wallace, their British Isles prop, went over. He was followed ten minutes later by Sella after superb support play from Brendan Daniel, who took a pass from Michael Lynagh and held off two defenders before passing be-

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The fly halves' battle for control of the game — be-tween the internationals, Thomas Castaignede and Lynagh, was relentless - but the really hard work was done by the forwards. Castres scrummaged well and Saracens, with three new players in the pack, struggled to assert

themselves.
Their back row of Ben Sturnham, who replaced the resting Richard Hill, François Pienaar and Tony Diprose never really got off the mark. although Sturnham showed promise when he did manage to get the ball in his hands.

Happily, Saracens domi-nated in the backs, producing a sparkling performance to contrast with the forwarddominated, defensive style that coloured their victory last

week. Steven Ravenscroft rounded off the try count for Saracens by diving over midway through the second half to cap a magnificent individual performance.

Castres scored two tries. оле from Mauricio Reggardio, the prop, two minutes after coming on, and a second from Olivier Sarramea, the full back.

Sarramea, the full back.

SCORERS: Sersoens: Tries: Wallace (2min). Sela (14), Raviencroit (52) Conversion: Lyneph. Penelty goels: Lyneph 3 (31, 39, 71) Castrae: Tries: Regglardo (65), Saramea (83). Conversion: Castagnède Penelty goels: Castagnède 3 (34, 42, 49).

SCORING: SEQUENCE: 5-0, 10-0, 13-0, 13-3, 13-4, 18-6 (nall-time), 16-9, 23-9, 23-16, 26-16, 26-21.

SARACENS: M. Singer: 8 Daniel (rep: R. Constable, 74min), P. Sala, S. Revenscroft, R. Wallace: M. Lyneph, B. Free: 8 Reich (rep: R. Constable, 74min), P. Sala, S. Revenscroft, R. Wallace: M. Lyneph, B. Free: 8 Reich (rep: A. Oliver, S. G. Chutter (rep: G. Botterman, 67), P. Wallace: M. Lyneph, B. Summann, A. Diprosa.

CASTRESS: O. Sarramea; P. Escalle, E. Arguste, J.-M. Avé, C. Lucquaaud; T. Cadmignede, F. Seguler: L. Toussaint, C. Basti, T. Lefforgue (rep: M. Reggeroto, 65), C. Gaston (rep. L. Bonventra, 48), J.-F. Gourragne, B. Della Rhva (rep: T. Lessissi, 53), N. Hallinger, T. Labrousser. Reference: P. Bolland (Walse)

Harlequins administer French lesson to Bourgoin

Bourgoin

By David Hands

THOUGH the hard part of their campaign is still to come, Harlequins, blessed with two successive home fixtures with which to open their Heineken Cup challenge, took every possible ad-vantage at the Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday.

More than that, however, was the manner in which the points came. Harlequins, playing a brand of rugby that looked more French than that themselves that they can play their ambitious game at the highest level of club competition that the northern hemisphere can offer. It is no coincidence that

they have a trio of Frenchmen, all of whom were itching. to make their presence felt. It was a day to make England selectors wince the starting line-ups contained only five players qualified for England. while Jean-Claude Skrela and Pierre Villepreux, the coaches of France, had 18 upon whom to dwell.

Skrela and Villepreux, however, are likely to remain unconvinced even by the 25of their opponents, went a point haul of Thierry Lacroix. arrived in a hurry and play long way towards convincing They are looking to the future in a disorganised manner.

annes, magnificently though they played, may be of the past. Lacroix, at 30, will have none of it. "I am always available for France," he said. "If they want me, they can call

Harlequins' progress was helped significantly by Lacroix's boot as he drilled five penalty goals into the gusting breeze in the first quarter, but half the kicks were the result of enterprising play by the London club and desperate defence by Bourgoin, who paid the penalty for their cheap day-return visit their morning flight was late, they arrived in a burry and played

make the point that Bourgoin are one of the least-penalised dubs in the French championship and they still found themselves on the rough end of the referee's whistle. To his team's credit, they

never allowed momentary lapses of temper to get out of hand and kept their shape sufficiently well to test the Harlequins defence. Yet they committed a surprising number of players to the loose phases, whereas Harlequins fanned out and gobbled up

two-minute burst immediately before the interval gave Harlequins a healthy lead, Williams scoring after Carling's half-break and Ngauamo crossing after a A rash of substitutions dis-

That Bourgoin scored the

first try was out of context

with the game as a whole: a

rupted continuity, but O'Leary's powerful run paved the way for Ngauamo's sec-ond try and Wood, to popular acclaim, seized the fourth. even though he had to turn round to pick up Liley's pass. There, at least, was some encouragement for England,

to make the long run that allowed his captain a deserved moment of glory. SCORERS: Harbequins: Tries: Ngausmo 2 (40min, 61), Wilsams (39), Wood (73). Conventions: Lacroix 2. Perestly gours: Lacroix 7 (2, 4, 7, 16, 21, 34, 55). Bourgoin: Try: Frier (29). Conventions: Fevre accounts of the Convention: Fevre accounts of the Convention: Fevre accounts of the Convention of the

quins' home-bred youngsters,

had the confidence and pace

3-0, 6-0, 9-0, 12-0, 15-0, 15-7, 18-7, 25-7, 30-7 (halt-time), 33-7, 40-7, 45-7. HARLECUINS: J Williams: D O'Leeny, W Carling (rep: S Power, 69min), J Ngauamo, L Belligol (rep: R Liew, 82); T Lacrox, H Hames: M Cuttitta, K Wood (rep: P Deteney, 77), J Lacrox, Gareth Lewellym, rep: G Alison, 69), L Gross, R Jentyns, L Cabarmas, W Davison, BOURGON: N Geeny: L Leftsmand, S Glas, G Cassagns (rep: D Jerm, 63), Y Boffur, P Pavre (rep: A Pacifier, 52), D Mazdis, C Gonze; Tep: O Milloud, 52), J-F Martin-Cutet, D Morgan, M Cacillon (rep: F Mibelle, 52), J Daude, M Malatiosse, J Frier (rep: F Grange, 52), P Reschi.

Singular talents of Thomas stand out amidst mediocrity

Battling Munster fail to make most of their opportunities

Munster 23

By MARK SOUSTER

DESPITE, or perhaps because of their heavy investment in players, the feeling persists that Cardiff are a collection of expensively assembled individuals still in the process of getting to know one another. However, after the narrow defeat by Bourgoin, the Heineken Cup finalists of two years ago, they will be satis-fied that progress is being made; Harlequins next week will be the litmus test.

To an extent, the game was spoiled by Brian Campsall, a fussy referee, who allowed little advantage to be played and even less to develop at the breakdown point. Munster suffered most from this and will be aggrieved that, on two occasions, they were awarded penalties on the Cardiff line when a try seemed likely. Campsall also listened to the crowd and awarded a scrum to Cardiff for a forward pass by Crotty when he, Campsall, was 30 metres from the action. Cardiff promptly went up the other end and scored. However, Munster did not

became apparent that Frank Sheahan, a replacement for Brian McDermott, the hooker, could not find his jumpers. they still persisted in kicking for touch. Munster did not win a single lineout on their own throw in the first half, which ended with them 22-6 in arrears. In the second half, they also conceded soft scores to Steve Williams and Steve Wake, almost immediately

within range. What Cardiff have in abundance is genuine pace in their three-quarters. None is quicker than Nigel Walker, who scored their first two tries, but

after forcing their way back to



Walker: out for two weeks

help themselves. When it pulled his hamstring when crossing the line for the second after 35 minutes. He will be out for a fortnight. Leigh Davies also showed glimpses of the class that earned him an international place two seasons ago.

Playing with the wind in the second half, O'Gara used the Garryowen effectively. From one towering kick, Munster scored through Quinlan, the flanker, after the bounce deceived Silva, and, had they managed to convert pressure into points in the ten-minute spell thereafter, the outcome might have been different.

different.

SCORERS: Cardiff: Yrles: Walker 2 (3min, 34), Williams 2 (60, 73), Humphreys (11), Wale (46), Conversions: Lavis 5. Pensity goal: Jarvis (40), Munster: Tries: Laury 2 (59, 75), Currlen (41) Conversion: Organ. Pensity goals: O'Gare 2 (27, 39)

SCORING SEOUENCE (Cardiff first): 5-0, 12-0, 12-3, 19-3, 19-4, 22-46 (half-time), 22-11, 29-11, 29-18, 36-18, 43-21, 43-22, CARDIFF: M Slave, N Walker (rep: G. Bernsrd, 35min), L Davies, G. Jones, S. Hill. Jarvis, S. Wale (rep. 1 Hewlet, 75); A Lewis, J. Humphreys, I. Mussice (rep: D Young, 68), A Rees, O Jones (rep: B Young, 68), A Rees, O Jones (rep: M Bennett, 76), S. Williams (opt. K Stowart, 73). MUNSTER: D Crotty (Garryowen); J Lacey (Sundsy's Well), K Keene (Garryowen); Munster: D Crotty (Garryowen); Munsy (Cork. Constitution); R O'Gare (Cork Constitution), B O'Meere (Cork Constitution), B O'Meere, (Cork Constitution), B O'Meere, (Cork Constitution), B O'Meere, (Cork Constitution), E Cortection, Corp. Shearmon, 120; Cork Constitution), E Halvey (Sharmon), Reference: B Campsall (England).

Ulster.....

By GERALD DAVIES

WHEN all around seems so frustratingly humdrum, the nitty gritty of the programme notes suddenly seem irresistibly absorbing; or when the going gets tedious at Swansea. you can while away a desultory moment or two enviously counting the number of Chardonnay-quaffing onlookers who watch the match for free on the balconies of the three-storey villas adjacent to the ground. You notice such things when the rugby doesn't

add up to much. But all was not lost on Saturday, however. A singular talent can make a difference. Whilst there was a great deal around him, Arwel Thomas remained a joy to watch. He is an imp of a player. Even when things go awry for him, as they can often do, a smile is not far from his lips, suggesting that, fairly soon, he will correct things in no small manner. Thomas will speed up matters and make one

In the first half in this

generally ineffectual match, he kicked four penalties from various angles and converted Gibbs's try inches from the

Stuart Laing was equally sure-footed with his two firsthalf penalties. He and Ward were the pick of a somewhat disjointed Ulster team. Thomas was to succeed three times with his boot against the wind in the second half after Gallick scored a try. which Laing converted. This, with Laing's third penalty. brought the visitors to within three points of the leaders, but, duly assisted by Rhodri Jones inside him and the bullocking runs of Gibbs in



Thomas: tricky runner

the centre, Thomas was able to demonstrate what a tricky runner he is.

Noticing his size and not understanding the devil-may-care mood inside him, wing forwards are apt to take their eyes of Thomas; at their peril, of course. He sold several outrageous dummies to create space for himself, but saved the best until the final moments when he feinted to pass and sent the defence motoring away in the other direction. Having opened up a freeway of vast proportions, he sent Huw Thomas on a 50metre run for a superb try. SCORERS: Swannes: Tries: Gibbe (18mm). H Thomas (79). Convension: A Thomas. Penalty goels: A Thomas 7 (2, 24, 37, 40, 57, 60, 82). Usber: Try: Galack (47). Convension: Lang. Penalty goels: Lang 3 (23, 31, 56). SCORING SECUENCE (Swansea first): 3-0, 10-0, 10-3, 13-3, 13-8, 16-8, 19-5 (nathenet, 19-13, 19-16, 22-16, 23-16.

bmel, 19-13, 19-16, 22-16, 25-16, 28-16, 33-16
SWANSEA: L Evens; R Rees, D Weatherley (rep: H Thornes, 12min), S Göbbs, A Hense trex: A Williams, 63); A Thomas, R Jones; C Loader, G Jenichrs (rep: C Walk, 77), C Arthory, T Maullin, P Amold (rep: D Nibol, 32), R Appleyard, D Thomas (rep: A Reynolds, 56), P Morarty, ULSTER: R Morrow (Dungamon, J Cumingham (Ballymena, M Field (Melone), J Topping (Ballymena, M Field (Melone), J Topping (Ballymena, 50), S Laring (Portadown), S Belt (Dungamonon); R Mackey (Malone), S Ritchie (Ballymena, rep: M Pation, Dungamon, 69), G Lestie (Dungamon), T McWhitzer (Ballymena), G Longwell (Ballymena), S McCintry (Bangor), A Ward (Ballymena), S McCintry (Bangor), A Ward (Ballymena), S McCintry (Bangor), Referee: K McCartney (Scotland)

Two off before Brive

EVEN a double sending-off could not overshadow a rous27th minute. Both men have ing climax in France yesterday as Patrick Lubungu scored a try for Brive in the dying seconds of the Heineken Cup pool C clash with Pontypridd. The holders consequently won 32-31. The Welsh side had taken the lead late in the second half, when Kevin Morgan charged down Christophe Lamaison's clearance kick and followed up to score.

been banned for a month. Newcastle continued their impressive start in pool G of the European Conference by scoring eight tries as they defeated Perpignan 60-3. Renaud Peillard, a prop, and Didier Plana, a centre, were both sent off as the French side's frustrations boiled over. Pat Lam scored a hat-trick

whom Va'aiga Tuigamala was

Brighton are brought back down to earth players from neighbouring

FRESH ambitions were greeted with a familiar storyline on Saturdly when Brighton, who, in the string, began to send out mumbings about being the pent Newbury or Worcester, albeit that they were languishing at the bottom of London III South East, were knocked out of the NPI Cup at the first opportunity. 24-12 by Jersey Barry trowbridge writes).

Backed to the sum of

the league.

Richmond make promising progress Richmond..... 43 Bridgend14

By NICOLAS ANDREWS THE jury is still out on the

European Conference. The

concept is certainly excellent. the execution rather less so. Can a competition to find the best of the rest justify six rounds of pool games before moving on to the knockout stages? Perhaps, by limiting involvement to the teams linishing fifth to eighth in the English league, with a similar number from France, Wales. a job well done by Richmond. Jason Wright over in the Scotland et al, the competition If the first half had been a closing stages. Va'a gave Rich-

would be keener, the early results more meaningful. Be that as it may, progress in the Conference is important for Richmond this season. A place in the last eight, or four, should not be beyond them.

Defeat at Colomiers in their first game last week was therefore not ideal, but, given the structure of the competi-tion, not a disaster either. Winning the home games is what matters, preferably by as wide a margin as possible. So, three tries in the last six minutes against Bridgend on Saturday left the impression of

largely frustrating affair, the tries for Earl Va a and Allan Bateman were well taken and, although Bridgend threatened briefly after half-time, the result was never in doubt. Rolando Martin looks to be

arguably the most astute of Richmond's summer signings. When Scott Quinnell returns next month, a back row of Martin, Quinnell and Clarke will be feared by many, respected by all. The Argentina international

was at the heart of the first two Richmond tries and kept pace with Spencer Brown to put

half and Simon Mason's kicking, at goal and out of hand, was not far from flawless.

was not har from 1/2Wiess.

SCORERS: Richmond: Tries: Vara 2
(7min, 80), Belenten (80), Outniel (47),
Wight (74), Hutton (76) Conventions:
Mason 5. Penalty goal: Mason (22),
Bridgend: Try: Durston (60). Penalty
goals: Coll 3 (35, 57, 63).

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24-11, 24-14, 31-14, 35-14, 43-14.

Clarke.
BRIDGÉND: G Cult: J Dodd, G Thomas
rep: D Jones, 49), L Daves, A Durston: M
Lewis (rep: G Laws, 30), C Hamans (rep: G
Downes, 49), D France: I Greenfelde (rep:
GA Thomas, 16-19; 73), L Manning, O
Lloyd, C Stevens, J Purnel, A Walarns, G
Prilips (rep: E Walarns, 44).
Referee: R McDowell (Ireland).

snatch late victory

Dale McIntosh, the Ponty-

of tries for Newcastle, for pridd No 8, and Lionel also impressive. Tim Stimp-Nallier, the Brive flanker, son kicked four penalty goals were dismissed by Ed Murray and four conversions.

£200,000 by Andrew Goodall, the millionaire owner of Brighheavily during the summer, goal, put them into the second Finging in, among others, five

Lewes and Alex Balls, a Sussex centre, from Havant, but the change in personnel left Brighton disjointed and it was little wonder that talk soon turned to the importance of

Four penalty goals by Piers Berry put Brighton in early control, but Jersey rallied well and tries by Kevin McGinty, just before half-time, Mark Cvitanich and Andy Whelan, all of which McGinty converted, to complement his penalty

RACING: PEINTRE CELEBRE'S DEFEAT LEADS TO ALTERCATION BETWEEN TOP FRENCH JOCKEYS

Peslier loses out in tactical battle

FROM RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT AT LONGCHAMP

A SIMMERING feud between Olivier Peslier and Cash Asmussen boiled over here yesterday with accusations of unprofessionalism and threats of violence after Peintre Celebre was beaten at odds of 10-1 on in a highly controversial Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe trial.

LONGCHAMP DETAILS

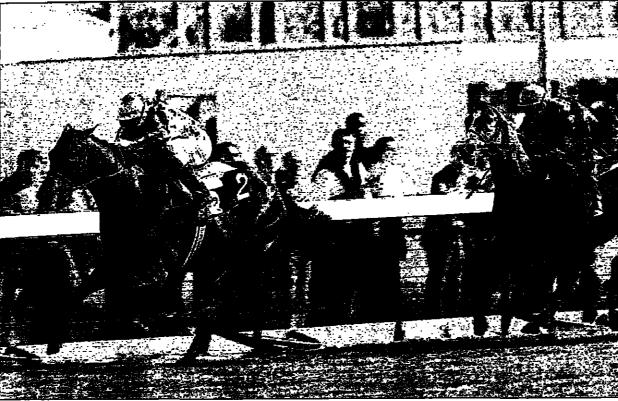
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3.40 PRIX NIEL (Group II: 3-Y-O: £44,893: 1m 4f) RAJPOUTE (G Mossel: 2. Peintre elebre (O Pealler); 3, Ivan Luss (J Red) 5 n. Nh. 11 F Dournen Parl-mutuel. 6.70. ran. Nr., 11 CSF: 12:90

4.15 PRIX FOY (Group # 024,691: 1m 4f) 1, YOKOHAMA (O Doleuze) 2, Nothin't Leton Danie (G Mosse), 3, Le Destin (T Griet), 8 ran. 11, 14, Mme C Heed Partmutuel 21 40; 4 20, 2 90, 2 00 CSF 106 60

Peslier, who rode the French Derby winner, found himself trapped on the rails in the Prix Niel by Ithaki, ridden by Asmussen, and each time he attempted to extricate himself Asmussen appeared to block

"I think he wanted me to lose this race. He didn't ride his horse; he rode to beat me. Just before the turn I pulled back a little to go on the outside and he pulled back with me. When I wanted to go



Raipoute holds a winning advantage in the Prix Niel as the luckless Peintre Celebre is hemmed in on the rails

on, he went on. All the time he stayed with me and never took chance. It was like Ben Hur." Peslier said. "I wanted to ride out the back because I wanted to come on the outside. He finished last but I think he

is happy because I didn't win." The public clash comes only a week after Peslier replaced Asmussen on Helissio, last year's Arc winner. Peslier had

earlier criticised the way

Asmussen rode Helissio in the King George VI and Queen

Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot. "He is very angry because he doesn't ride Helissio. It is not professional," Peslier said. "If I had no chance I would open up a little bit and say 'you go on because I will finish last. But I think he is happy. I don't understand. I will not speak to Cash because if there was a big fight between Asmussen and Peslier the stewards will not be happy and, as you say in England, Peslier is a gentleman.

Today was only a group two. Next time is the Arc. My horse is a nice horse and if he finishes like that maybe I will win. I didn't want to kill my horse, kill Cash and get 15 days' suspension."

Peslier confirmed there had been previous incidents between him and Asmussen. Smiling broadly, he added: "Cash doesn't ride Helissio (in

the Arcl, I don't know why." When I suggested to Asmussen that the Prix Niel had been a tactical race, the Texas-born jockey exploded. Using abusive language, he was thoroughly unpleasant. Perhaps his behaviour says more about a jockey whose best years are behind him. Rajpoute, trained by François Doumen, to snatch a decisive lead and, although Peintre Celebre made up the best part of three lengths inside the final furlong, he went down by a

The controversial race left the big bookmakers in confusion as they revised their Arc prices. Ladbrokes had no hesitation im promoting Pilsudski to 3-1 favourite (from 4-1) after his Irish Champion Stakes success on Saturday. They then bet 4-1 Peintre Celebre and Helissio, 6-1 Swain, 12-1

My Emma. However, William Hill took the opposite view, making Peintre Celebre its market leader at 3-1 (from 4-1) with 7-2 Helissio (from 3-1), 4-1 Pilsudski, 7-1 Swain, 10-1 My Emma. The Tote and Coral opted for Helissio as their favourite.

Significantly, Andre Fabre, trainer of Peintre Celebre, was phlegmatic about the race.
"It's a trial. Who cares about the Prix Niel. These things happen. I am disappointed for the people who backed him but it is just had luck. I am happy with the horse."

Earlier in the afternoon, the Aidan O'Brien-trained Second Empire emerged as a classic contender for 1998 after winning the Prix des Chenes in taking style. Michael Tabor. his owner, said: "He's in everything and the sky is the limit." The Fairy King colt is now generally second favourite for the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket and joint-favour-

Eddery shows classic timing

By CHRIS McGRATH

noon of squalls and sunshine, a brilliant rainbow appeared over Town Moor on Saturday. For the second time in an hour, something majestic had been born of opposing elements. Earlier, the fire of Pat Eddery's talent, shrouded by a personality that tends to be caricatured as sullen and grey, had wrought a suitably monumental triumph for Silver Patriarch in the Pertemps St Leger at

Doncaster. However bleakly, the 11times champion jockey pre-serves a radiant inner power which, with a due sense of occasion, now yielded his 4,000th British success.

The din which greeted the lrishman owed less to the fact that his mount had gone off 5-4 favourite than to the genuine warmth with which punters respond to 28 years* service in their cause. There is no superficial engagement between them and, at 45, he is as retiring as ever. Which is to say, not retiring at all - not after joining an elite comprising just Gor-don Richards (4.870 winners) and Lester Piggott

"I'd love to beat Lester's tally," he said yesterday.
"I've known him for a long time and he's a good mate, as well as the best rider I've seen. I've got a good chance.

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I'll ride as long as I can." Piggott has been the grey

AT THE end of an after eminence in Edder career, both men having been consumed by the sport at an early age, finding confidence and self-expes sion in one way only. As Eddery said in his autobigraphy: "On horseback, I sas instilled with a conviction and self-belief I never fer at other times." But if his grat drive is vividly evident inhis energetic style, he is not tormented like Pigett, whose technique he conted even as he beat him to a just championship in 1974 For his dour image is believeby the affection of his col-

> in champagne on returning to the weighing room. Silver Patriarch's supporters already included nost neutrals. The grey, sup a gallant loser in the Derty, is home-bred by Peter Vinfield. As John Duniop, #ho

leagues. who drowned fim

has now trained nine classic winners. said: "Peter was wonderful about geting beat at Epsom, taking ton the chin, while I was ery distraught." Winfield has already on-

firmed that Silver Patriarch stays in training, although he may now be put awa for the season. "This horsehas a deceptive turn of foot, and left Vertical Speed stand-ing," Winfield said. "My racing dreams have cime true, and I'm proud thatiny colours will forever be asociated with Par's grat achievement."

NOTTINGHAM

2.00 Wadi 2.30 Premium Princess 3.00 Deterrent 3.30 Bold Tina

4.00 Sing With The Band 4.30 Stoned Immaculate 5.00 Ginger Rogers 5.30 Zidac

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.00 NOTTINGHAM MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,115: 1m 54yd) (17) | Carbon | C BETTING. 3-1 Wash, 4-1 Acator, 9-2 Hadito, 7-1 Nagar, 12-1 El El, Panuman Star, 14-1 Free, 20-7 others

Asakir, a Nashwan colt, half-brother to 3 winners including miter tandid. Counsel was 9%1 5th to Up At The Top in 67 Follestone auction states (good). Haddith showed promise when ½1 2nd to Dies South in 7%1 Beverley marten (good) halfer 3¼1 3xd to Albente in it in Beverley marten (good to firm). Wadi, a Green Desert colt, is a full brother to winning sphriter Furnish. HADITH may prove best of those that have run

2.30 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CCC FILLIES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,642: 6f 15yd) (20 runners) | 201 | (16) | 5352 ALPHA WRESKY 21 (BF) LI Smith | Bahing 9-7 | 201 (18) | 532240 | 5380Y SHORE 22 LI Rices | Whaten 9-7 | 201 (2) | 045 GUZ SHOW 11 Lostord Mains Stuff R Harron 9-7 | 204 (6) | 502603 | POSITIVE AIR 10 | (6) Thombell 9 McMahan 8-7 | 205 GUZ SHOW 11 | (6) | Thombell 9 McMahan 8-7 | 205 GUZ SHOW 21 | SETTING 5-1-27 a Africa: 1-1 Unit Pulo 5-1 Sandy Share 10-1 Farche As Alfaella 12-1 others

FORM FOCUS

Alpha Winster 11-1 Cod to Arts Writtle in 61 Worwich number (good to total). Sandy Shore 151 7th to Deterin 71 Beverley indicary (good to total) with Erepta (55 before oil) 47th 15 days to Except in 51 Beverley indicary (good to total) with Erepta (55 before oil) 47th 5th Miss Plus test Lose Again of the oil 51 Cartistic author (asking John Saliga 27th 4th to Class. Clean of Endock channel (good to sett). Rustion Kill Kate 11 3rd to Combine Cast in 51 Again author (good to firm). ALPHA WHISNY can go one better at the expense of Positive Arr

3.00 EBF SEPTEMBER MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,466: 6f 15yd) (17 runners)

(1)		CAPTAIN TIM (W Said) D Loder 9-0 Pat Eddery	-
(5)	022	DETERPENT 68 (Shelith Mahammed) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori	84
(4)	56	DRAGORI BOY 40 (Mrs N Mathes) I Williams 9-0 K Fallon	81
(3)		DUDLEY ALLEN (Miss (Danes) T Clement 9-0	-
(11)		EMBRENT (J Rose) Land Huntingston 9-0 W Ryan	-
m	204	HADRD 45 (Hal-Matteum) B Hills 9-0 R Hills	93
(16)		JLA (H al-Maktouro) R Armstrong 9-0 6 Carter	-
(6)		KRISAMBA (B Schmidt-Bodner) B Meeten 9-0	•
(12)	5	PERSIANO 11 (Miss A Church) J Farehave 9-0	69
(17)	_	REDSWAN (P Geogram) S C Williams 9-0 P Bloomfield	-
(13)	99	TAUREAN 30 (Mrs L Gratern) N Gratem 9-0	-
indi		THE ARTRUL DODGER (Equinimity) R Williams 9-0	-
. (8)		YOUNG JOSH (D Armitige) J Gosden 9-0 G Hind	-
(9)	0	HAURT THE 200 52 (H Castring) J L Harrs 8-9 5 Sanders	
(15)		MARKONT'S PET 23 (R Hodges) R Hodges 8-9 N Adams	-
(2)		NIGHT AUCTION 34 (Merityr Motor Auctions) & Palling 8-9 T Sprake	-
₹1 4 i	-	SERBIGETTI (Racing Post Syndicate) J Berry 8-9 C Lowdber (5)	-
	~	nt, 9-4 Hardid, 5-1 Cambain Tion, 10-1 Erokoeni, Alba, 14-1 Persaano, Young Josh,	16.1
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Captain Tim, a Lion Cavem coit out of Moneiya, is hall-brother to two decent winners. Determent was 4i 2nd to the smert Daggers Down in 6i Newmarket marken (good). Hadid 11 4th for Chester House in 7i Goodwood malder (good to firm). Persiano 171 5th to Gurthra in 6i York malden (soft) DETERRENT has good chance of opening his account

3.30 BRANSTON ABBY FILLES HANDICAP

DIA	t: E3	J,171: 6	(15yd) (20 runners)		
401	(3)	31-005	ANTONIA'S CHOICE 29 (G) (Mrs C Deuters) J Berry 3-9-12	C Lowther (5)	63
402			DAYLIGHT DREAMS 37 (6) (A Cross) C Cross 3-9-11		49
403	(20)	5P00055	MOUCHE 21 (V.C.F) (M Simmornis) Airs J Ramsden 3-9-9	K Fallon	55
404	(19)	3000621	BOLD TRIA 12 (F) (Mrs C Harrington) R Harmon 3-9-8	Dane O'Nell	74
405	்ர்	0254441	NEWLANDS CORNER 31 (B,D,F) (Jolly Stokes) J Alekerst 4-9	-5 D Biggs	68
406	(2)	5000-00	TRACES OF TRACES 19 (V.CO.F.G.) (A Reid) G L Moore 4-9-3	6 Daffleid	-
407			GRACE 14 (Treevale Syndicate) J Bradley 3-9-0		49
408			THIRD PARTY 30 (D.F.) (Mrs. 6 Smith) S Dow 3-8-13		
:09			CHARLTON SPRING 12 (D.S) (R Hodges) R Hodges 3-8-13		55
410			COLLEGE PRINCESS 40 (F) (College Farm) S C Williams 3-8-9		64
411			SUEDORO 14 (0.5,5) (A Paterson) J Golde 7-8-8		67
412			NELLE MORTH 30 (B,F) (G Graenwood) G McCourt 4-8-7		
413			POLGWYNEE 31 (Tregarether Partners) 8 Smart 3-8-5		
414			NAPIER STAR 18 (V,D) (P Heaton) Mrs. N Macauley 4-5-1		64
415			PATHGZE 14 (F) (N Wariner) N Bycroft 4-7-13		65
41ē			PRINCESS REMATA 25 (Mrs A Johnston) Pat Machell 4-7-13		
417			NAMPARA BAY 26 (B) IL Howe & Parties:) G Braver, 3-7-12		
418				N Caricle	
419				. A Po (5)	
420	(5)	0030656	LADY SOLK 51 (CD.F.S) (T Marshall) Mars. J Cross E-7-10	J Lowe	60
			g Bess 7-8. Lady 54k 7-6		
			ra, 6-1 Mouche 8-1 Newlands Corner, 10-1 Antonia's Choice	ines Ci lines.	Grace,
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FORM FOCUS

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GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF.F.G.S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 8 course and ussaince ware or uses in favourite in talest race). Being on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soll, good to soll heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timelexager's speed rating.

4.00 granston abby fillies Handicap

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İv	ll: £	3,145: 6	if 15yd) (20 runners)	
11	(8)	0140122	HEVER GOLF MOVER 19 (D.F.G) (Hever RC) T Naughton 3-10-0 J Washer	7
12	(4)	0001100	WATCH THE FIRE 45 (D.F.G.S) (E Carter) J Banks 4-9-12 C Lowther (5)	7
13	(6)	3232600	GI LA HIGH 28 (Ladyswood Pacing Club) M Meade 4-9-10 J Reid	5
И	(18)	0-00000	CROESO CYNNES 7 (D.F.G.) (Davies & Bridgeman) B Palling 4-9-8 . T Sprake	6
Ķ			MCLINATION 12 (D Brown & A Ward) M Blanshard 3-9-5 J Quinn	6
ь	(10)	6601100	LELIBELLA 24 (D.F.G.) (Mrs P Hastings) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-3 D Sweeney (3)	5
И	(13)	0002000	NAISSANT 16 (D.G.S) (W Gratasn) M Wanz 4-9-1 A Whelan (3)	5
18	(15)	-510040	DEERLY 24 (V.D.G) (D & C Holder) A Dickle 4-8-10 G Hind	5
19	'n9i	2023510	BALLARD LADY 23 (D.G.S.) (Mrs P Wales) J Walesmight 5-8-10 L Defton	5
Q	(16)	0530100	DONA PILIPA 18 (F) (A Emmerson) Mess L Slobal 4-8-8	5 8
1	(3)	0065023	LAMORNA 25 (BF,D,F) (W Porsorby) M Channon 3-8-8 P P Marphy (3)	
2	(11)	0060220	SING WITH THE BAND 31 (BF,F) (O Allen) B McMahon 6-8-5 L Newton	73
3	(2)	0004040	LA VOLTA 29 (B.F.6) (J. Lynam) Miss J Craze 4-8-4	5
4	(14)	3-00040	DANIENILL PRINCESS 19 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 3-8-3 N Carliste	Б
5			BBLLA'S LEGACY 30 (Vintage Services Ltd) K Burks 4-8-1	
IĢ			MAGEC LAKE 7 (V,G) (P Ebdon Racing) E Alston 4-7-13 M Henry (3)	5
7			EMBROIDERED 21 (J Exans) 5 Dow 4-7-12 Martin Dwyer	6
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19	(12)	60-0000	MYSTRULE SMALE 14 (F) (J Goldie) J Goldie 4-7-10 R Fireach (3)	4
O,			OKAY BABY 31 (F) (J Bradley) J Bradley 5-7-10 R Thomas (7)	6
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BETTRIES: 13-2 Heve Golf Mover, 7-1 Inclination, Lamonus, 8-1 Watch The Fire, Ultitrefix, 10-1 others Haver Golf Mover 14.1 2nd to Mystical in 61 Brighton handicap (good). Inclination 2.4.1 3nd to Bold Time in 71 Brighton states (good to firm). Littlebella 101 8th to Cross The Border in 51 Thirsk approxitice handicap (good to firm). Littlebella 101 8th to Cross The Border in 51 Thirsk exhibits plain in 61 Yarmouth State: handicap (good to firm) 5th. Daymer's Reseal in 71 Catterick handicap (good to firm) with Dikay Baby (6to better off) 141 10th. Bahm Atholi 11/51 2nd to Opening Range in apprentice 51 Windson handicap (good to firm). LAMCRNA, well treated on last year's form, may be returning to her best

4.30 CARLTON HANDICAP (Div 1: £1,927: 2m 9yd) (17 runners)

Martin Duryer 54 D Wright 67

BETTERS 4-1 Secret Imagulate 5-1 Describe Hall 7-1 Hill-wide 8-1 Cab Sho No Rid Rams 18.1 referen FORM FOCUS

Stoned Imaculate beat Penny Pepperment 51 or 2m11 Carksle maden franticao (funit Duncombe Hall beat Red Raja 21 or 2m Follestone bandscap (good) with Coh Sho No (8th belier off) 551 or 2m Worksthampton handicap (AW) Keen Waters 121 4th to Sepontz in 2m Linglicht handicap (AW) DUNCOMBE HALL an early women at Folkestone, can overcome a 4th rise on the hundreap

5.00 CARLTON HANDICAP

İV			m 9yd) (16 runners)	
1	(5)	326404/	MOVING OUT 1094 (D.S) (Mrs S Brasher) Miles H Knight 9-9-10 C Londing 5)	
2	(12)	-052111	GENGER ROGERS 30 (CD.F.G) (W Ponsonby) D Arbuthnol 3-9-7 J Osia	ē
3	(10)	3435314	BATABANDO 24 (BF,D,F,G) (P Savio) Mrs M Reveloy 8-9-7 J Sid	5
4	ĊΝ	5666-00	CLIEBURNIEL MENTS 11 (F.G.S) (K Nacholis) D Straw 7-9-4 R Madiento)	5
5	(11)	4000-33	TOLLSTON LACY 1963 (Hicking and Squires Lid) J Whatton 5-9-3 K Face.	- 5
5	(13)	5500	GALLANT HEIGHTS 13 (M. Erans) G Bravery 3-8-13 D R McCabe	4
7	(14)	00/Q/D-	SEA BUCK 384 (B) (H Candy) H Candy 11-8-12 B Smill(7)	
8	(2)	0,0000-	RISH STAMP 302J (G) (F Murphy) F Murphy 8-8-11 J Fanking	
9	(B)	0-15400	SUDDEN SPIN 140 (D.F.S) (B Parler) J Notion 7-8-9 J Weeter	5
10			SIXTES MELODY 18 (Mrs J Root) R Boss 3-8-7 R Firenct(3)	5
11	(4)	1501341	SIPOWITZ 18 (D,F) (R C)zer) C C)zer 3-8-6	5
12	(3)	560-60	SOPHE LOCKETT 59J (Autom Stud Ltd) K Hogg 4-8-6 A Dah(5)	4
13	(9)	2-34005	SUITOR 93 (Mrs. J Churston) S Dow 4-8-5 S Sames	- 5
14	(15)	64400/2	MEMORABLE 72 (5) (K Hogg) K Hogg 6-8-1 J Brashill	
15			EUROLINK WINDSONG 23 (W Gaham) M Ware 3-7-12 Martin Dyer-	Ш
16	{B)	0000056	HEPPIOS 18 (J. & S. Kelly) S. Dow 3-7-10	3
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t-1 Batabanco, 5-1 Sippuritz, 12-1 Toutston Lady, Sudden Spot. 14,1 ish Stamp

GONGER ROGERS has improved since tackling longer trips and can combine herbrogress

(12,	277: 7M 11 2	213yd) (18 runners)	
1	(17) 0016840	OBELOS B (D.F) (Giberts Animal Feed) Mes S Wilton 6-9-6 S Whitwirts	64
2	(3) 13-4301	THATCHMASTER 23 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Sureser) C Horgan 6-9-5 D O'Donoho (3)	71
3	(14) 4163002	TONNERRE 11 (CD,S) (I Guise) B McMahon 5-9-6 L Nesion	71
4	(16) -0400000	RIVAL 680 6 (V.D.6) (Terenty Terenty) Mrs. N Macaulley 9-9-4 Amanda Sander (5)	54
5	(11) 63006-0	ROT DU NORD 20 (P Haddock) N Bycroft 5-9-4 G Cater	-
6	(8) 0204500	ZEIAC 33 (D.F.G) (B Brackpool) P Malor 5-9-4 S Saners	65
7		BAKERS DAUGRITER 33 (D.F.G) (Mrs S Baker) J Arnold 5-9-3 Marten Deyer	64
8	(18) 645-110	ONEFORTHEDITCH 127 (Oneforthedich Partnership) J Fanshare 4-9-1 K Faon	66
9	(7) -210056	HERE'S TO HOWIE 35 (D.F) (Breeze Uppers) R Hannon 3-8-13 . Dano O'leit	54
10	(13) 030-51	ALE DISTINCT 25 (F) (Whodsor Rooms Sync), Vars & Swinbank 3-8-13 . G Distable	64
11	(1) 0-62143	SECRET BALLOT 6 (CD,S) (W al-Mutava) K Markil 3-8-13 R Cochrae	55
12	(10) -603U24	FIFE MAJOR 12 (EIF) (Sheath Mohammer) 8 Halls 3-8-11 Pat Edery	. 75
13	(9) 6266425	GET THE POINT 12 (J Broot R Hollinshead 3-8-11 D Griffins 3)	86
14	(12) 1152000	PUZZLEMENT 23 (Mr. C Britain) C Statain 3-8-11 W Rep	54
15	(4) 6512343	ARPRIVING 35 (BF,G) (Wyc) Half Stort) J Halfs 3-8-10	73
16	(6) 0-030 15	SCOEN 25 (D.F) (A Soden List) T Mills 3-8-10 R Firench 3)	65
17	(3) 4045226	DOUBLE FLIGHT 26 (BF.F) (3rd Modeleam Plans) 14 Johnston 3-8-8 M. Robets	64
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060 SHALENDRA 25 (Shekh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-8 L Debut 59 BETTING: 6-1 Arming, 7-1 Thatchmaster Fife Major, 8-1 Tonnerre, Se Desand, Double Fugist, NET Bakers, Daughter, Ondoorhedisch, Secret Ballot, 14-1 others

FORM FOCUS

Thatchmaster beat Harlequin Walt 11/21 in 11/2m Goodword claiming handicae (good). Tomierre 11/2md to Gold Desire in 11/2m York apprentice handicap (good). Bakers Daughter 4/41 6th to-Eurobox to 11 m Misscellaugh mader states (good) the Distinct beat 6et The Point (21) bette off) 3/41 in 11m Misscellaugh mader states (good) to firm) with Obelos (38) better off). 51 7th and Fyol Blo (levels) 151 15th Fife Mayor 4/41 4th to Roman Reet in 11/2m Brighton anatient handicap good to firm). Get The Point 61 5th to Bold Tina in 11 Brighton states (good to firm). Anthong 3/4 3/4 to Lookout in 11/2m Englishon anatient handicap good to firm) better off). All 6th Double fight 291 6th to Miniersysto in 1m3/2 Hamilton apprentice handicap (good).

Additionally recorded to the claim cape at learners and engine cap return to winnersystom. ARRIVANG, unsuled by the slow pace at Leicester last time, can return to winning ways

Blinkered first time

FONTWELL PARK: 2.20 Circus Colours, 4.20 Miners Rest, MUSSELBURGH: 2.40 Dirab, 3.40 Miss Baveled, 4.10 Chemphed, Emperor's Gold, Jer Set Santh, 4.40 Horble Maliva, NOTTINGHAM: 3.30 Nampara Say, Times Of Times, 4.00 Disn'y

Pilsudski bows out

after Japan Cup

l'Arc de Triomphe on October

5 after passing his audition in

style by outclassing six rivals in the Esat Digifone Champi-

on Stakes at Leopardstown on

No Slouch and Dangerous

RICHARD EVANS.

Nap: WADI (2.00) Nottingham)

Next best: Hadid

(3.00 Nottingham)

Diva, pacemakers for the

Aidan O'Brien-trained Irish

Derby winner Desert King.

ensured that the race was run

at a searching gallop. Pilsudski, the 5-1 favourite, was able

to hold a prominent place just

behind the leaders and cruised

through on the bridle to lead

Saturday.

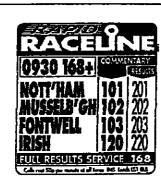
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SAILING

TROON Soling European champion steps: Final positions, 1, 3 Schumann (Ge light 2, 4, Beadshorth (GB), 40,1,3,1, Johannetson (40, 42, 4, 9 Production), 43,4 5 P Fichy political 45 Other British: 18, H Micros, 114-10 U Fiorgalaid 120 **SCHOOLS SPORT**

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SCHOOLS INTER-ASSOCIATION UNDER-15: Blackpool 1 Blackburn 2, Yrahad 2 Wigan 10 Manchester 2 Leeds 1, Eury 2 Centern 3 Chestened 1 Doncasse 3, Shetlieto 2 Barnsley 2, Newcastle 1

OTHER MATCH: Wellington 1 Shreak

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Rugby union

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SPEEDWAY

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TENNIS

BOURNEMOUTH: Mon's tournament: Semi-finals F Manulla (Sp) or M Ordn. 243 (SA) 6-7, 6-1, 6-1, C Moyá (Sp) or G Rusedok (68) 6-2, 6-2 Final: Manulla or Moyá 6-2, 6-2

MARBELIA: Men's tournament Semi-linals: A Costa (Sp.) bl G Blanco (Sp. 7-5, 6-2, A Berasulcou (Sp.) bl D History (Sloudra 1-4, 6-4 Final: Costa bl Berasalegu 6-3, 6-2 TASHKENT, Uzbekistan: Men's tour-nament: Semi-linals: T Henman (GB) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-3 7-5 M Rosset (Swiz) bt Y kateinkov (Russ) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2 Final: Henman bt Rossot 7-6, 6-4

RACING

DONCASTER

2.00 (6f) , Bestang (T Curro, 8-11 fev), 2, Sky Rocket (8-1), 3, Hayli (4-1) 6 ram 11-1, 15-1 P Ole Tote: £1 70; £1 40, £2 40 OF-£3 90. QSF £7.01 230 (inf. 1, Epic Stand (J. Fortune, 10-1), 2. Outeets Consul (14-1), 3, Kata Sunnse (25-1), 4. Durato (16-1), For Your Eyes Only (45-1), 4. Durato (16-1), For Your Eyes Only (45-1), 4. Durato (16-1), For Your Eyes Tote 214-0, 22-9, 24-10, 212-80, 25-90 DF: 211920 Tno 6994 70 CSF 2130.20 Tnossi 5(225-15).

3.05 (1m), Russian Music (K Falion, 8-1), 2. Hawai (25-1), 3, 4i Azhar (8-1) Restructus 11-4 tav 11 ran, 9i ni, Mass G Keleway Tote £10 00: £210, £11.70, £2.60, DR £158 00, Tno; £416 20, CSF £186 48 ficast £1,557 03.

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3.40 PER EMPS ST LEGER STAKES (Group I: 37-0; £183,776: 1m 61 132yd)
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Early Risin' (P Winfield) 9-0 Pat Eddery (5-4 tav) The Fly circ Pharty — Nelly Do Da (Mrs J Corbett) 90 M Hills (10-1) 3. ALSO RAI: 10 Beorage, Windsor Castle (5th), 12 Panama Cay (6th), 14 Book At Bedturie (ith), 16 Haltarra, 25 Possidon, 33 Shaya, 10ran NR: Stowaway, 3t, ris, 134, sh hd, 3sl J Dundop at Arundel. Tote: £2.20; £180, £2.40, £2.20 DF: £4.40 Tro; £16.80 CF: £5.14.

4.15 (5) j., Land Of Dreams (D Holland, 15-8 tea) 2. Tippit Boy (12-1), 3. Tiland (7-2) 7 ml 2% ink, M Johnston Tote £3.00; £1.60, £580 DF- £18.70 CSF £26.23

GOODWOOD

2.15 1 Law Commission (4-1 (r-lev), 2, Darcing Drop (7-1), 3, Bachelors Pad (20-1) Carge-ear 4-1 #-lav 9 ran NR-Cosmic Prince, Tregaton, Waypoint 2.45 1. Fohris (100-30), 2, Desert Story (5-4 lav), 3, Green Card (5-1) 5 ran. 3.20 1, Wadwood Flower (20-1); 2, No Extras (11-2 tav); 3, Grand Chapeau (20-1); 4, Lochangel (14-1) 29 ran. 3.55 1, High Intrigue (7-2), 2, Lady Of The Lake (3-1 tav), 3, Star Rage (6-1), 8 ran. NR: Premar Night. Premar Night
4.30 1, Wales (4-9 tay); 2, Success And
Glory (5-1); 3, Boran (33-1); 13 ran.
5.00 1, Silvery (15-1); 2, Tough Ac (4-1); 3,
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BANGOR 2.10 1, Leviticus (9-4); 2, Praine Minstrel (20-1), 3, Real Fire (33-1), Stoned Imaculate 11-8 lav, 16 ran 2.40 1, Anabranch (6-1), 2, Fraser Carey (10-1); 3, Freddie Muck (4-5 lav) 8 ran. (10-1), 3, Precide Music (4-0, any oliver), 3, 10-1, Major's Law (11-1); 2, She'hreni (11-2), 3, Euphonc Illusion (5-2 law) 11 ran. 3,45 1. Rosled Gold (7-1), 2, Toskano (20-1); 3, Tony's Feelings (4-1). Mighty Merc 11-10 law, 6 ran. 4.20 1, Danegold (4-1); 2, Secret Service (100-30); 7 Chief Mayon (14-1) Green Green Desent 5-4 tay 6 ran.

4.50 1, Follow De Call (8-1); 2, Key Grip (14-1), 3, Absolute Prool (25-1) Nilazi 9-4 fav 11 ran. WORCESTER

(7-2) 7 rs] 2% (rk. M-Johnston Tote £3 00; £1 60. SS0 DF £18 70 CSF £26 23 4.45 (1mtr 60yd) 1, Intersection (J Weaver 18-1). 2 fmysa (20-1), 3. Wafr (16-1), 4. Shadoof [14-1) Song Of Freedom 7-2 latv. 20 rsn x], 11-1, 12 fmysa (20-1), 3. Wafr (16-1), 4. Shadoof [14-1) Song Of Freedom 7-2 latv. 20 rsn x], 11-1, 12 fmysa (20-1), 3. Wafr (16-1), 4. Shadoof [14-1) Song Of Freedom 7-2 latv. 20 rsn x], 11-1, 12 fmysa (20-1), 20 rsn x], 11-1, 12 fmysa (20-1), 20 rsn x], 11-1, 12 fmysa (20-1), 21 fmysa (20-1), 21 fmysa (20-1), 21 fmysa (20-1), 21 fmysa (20-1), 21 fmysa (20-1), 21 fmysa (20-1), 21 fmysa (20-1), 21 fmysa (20-1), 22 fmysa (20-1), 22 fmysa (20-1), 23 fmysa (20-1), 23 fmysa (20-1), 24 fmysa (20-1), 25 fmys

Ollie Baker, left, of Clare, grapples with Thomas Dunne, of Tipperary during the All-Ireland hurling championship final yesterday. Clare won the title by beating Tipperary by 0-20 to 2-13

One-lay international India v Pakistan

TORON(O (Pakistan won loss) India beat Pakistarby 20 runs

Extras. (b) , fb 3, w 22, nb 3) Total (50 byers)-----

FALL OF VICKETS 1-52, 2-52, 3-85, 4-176, 5-199, 6-22, 7-203, 8-207, 9-208. BOWLING Agib Javed 10-3-39-2 Mohammid Akram 9-1-41-1; Achar Mahmood 10-1-38-1; Saqlam Mushtaq 10-0-45-5;Shahid Akrdi 10-0-43-1, Salim Malik 10-10

CRICKET

PANCE JAM

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Ramaz Raja c Azharuddin b Kunwiliz ... 1

Jaz Ahmed c Azharuddin b Ganguly ... 24

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Shahid Alindi c Azharuddin b Sodhi ... 13

Salim Malik c Chaufhan b Sodhi ... 64

Molin Khen c Singh b Ganguly ... 0

Azhar Mahrimood c Azharuddin b Sodhi ... 9

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Eutras (b 1, lib 4, w 21, lib 5) ... 31 Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 21, nb 5) .

Total (44.2 overs)..... BOWLING: Kuruvilla B-2-27-2; Mohaniy 7-0-22-1. Singh 10-1-35-0; Sochi B-2-0-44-3, Ganguly 7-0-27-2; Tendulikar 2-0-13-0; Chauhan 2-0-15-0 Man of the match A D Jadeja

Umpres: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and R E Koenzen (South Africa). TOUR MATCHES (Irist day of fired).
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RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Premiership Quarter-finals

12 Castletord Bradford Buller Tries: Forshow, Lowes Goale: Loughlin, McNamera Castleford Tigers: Tries: C Smith, Crichley, Davis, Tutte, Goals: Davis 3, Steadman Dropped 16 Shelfleid London

London 10 Shemelo 10 London Broncos: Thes Beazloy, Edwards, Gill Gools: Banwck 2, Sheffield Eagles: Tries: Priknoy 2, Senior 2, Broedbert, Crowther, Doyle, Sovetabus. Taewa. Goels: Asion 11 Att: 1,750 FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: SI Helens 26 Selford Rocks 12

Divisional Premiership Quarter-finals

Huddersfield Glants: Tnes: Schofield 2, Burryan, Davys, Hanger, Weston, Goals: Cook, B. Dropped goal: Schofield Featherstone Rovers: Tnes: Baker, Fallins. Goals; Chapman 2, Att. 2,575 52 Hunslet Hull Sharks: Tries: Hepl 2, Johnson 2, Boyd, Darby, Grey, Halles, Hewitt, R Notan, Goels: Howitt 6, Hunslet Tries: Childs, Pryce Goel: M Ellis Att. 3,305. 25 Whiteheven

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Leigh Centurions: Tries: Ingram 2, Darsel,
Farrchogh Goels: Gunning 2, Wilkinson 2,
Dropped goal: Wilkinson Whitehaven
Wernfors: Tries: Armstrong, Haifherington,
Niddon, Leeter, Multama, Quirk, Wissn.
Goels: Helhorington 10 Att: 2,079
Workington 10 Keighley 36

Mindelanter Tries: Tries: D. Scheethy Workington Town: Tries: D Sowerby, Wellace Goal; Fisher Keyshley Cougars: Tries: Ramshaw 2, A Cabbon, Bdy, D Gibbon, Fosler, Smith Goals: Robinson 4 Att. 1,151 NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Pro-

mier division: Askam 2 Walney Central 17: Beverley 18 Heworth 12: Dudloy Hill 10 Wootson 34. Egermont 6 West Hull 17. Lock Lane 46 Saddleworth 0, Mayfield 26 Leigh Montars 14. Ordnern St. Anne's 39 Wigen St. Patrick is 4 First division: Barrow Island 28 Moldgreen 28: East Leeds 12 Million 13. Leigh East 26 Blackbrook 4: Outlon 12. Siotauch 34. Rechtil 38 Eastmon 8, Stewn Cross 21 Million 13. Each 28: Eastmon 8, Stewn Cross 21 Million 12. Second christion: Crossletids 8 Ecroles 26 Dodworth 14 New Earswick 20, Hulf Dockers 20 Ovenden 6, Normandin 66 London Suderits 7, Siddal 28 Dowsbury Moor 2: York Acom 12 Foatherstone Amateus 18. BACADEMY CUP: St Helons 20 Wigsin 28. BARTLETT INSURANCE INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Unded Statot Tomahawks 30 Great Britain Students 26 Australasian Supren Leadure 26 Australasian Supren Leadure 34 Australasian Supren Leadure 10 Canberra Radiets 4. Australasian Supren Leadure 14 Australasian Supren Leadure 14 Australasian Supren Leadure 14 Australasian Supren Leadure 24 Peraramata 13 Mejor qualifying finak Marry-Warmingah 27 Newcasto 12

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Royal Navy TRC Champion-shipe: Long range: 1. Duranty 141 12pts; 2. C Duckerson 140.80; 3. N Ball 139.14. Short range: 1. Ball 245.29; 2. J Saunders; 243.26, 3, T Amy 242.29 Overall championship positions: 1, Ball 384.43, 2. Duckerson 382.26, 3. Amy 381.41 Tyro champion: L Gay 383.51 p. City RC Oper: 1, C White (Notingham) 393.47 2, N Verdum (Horts) 391.39, 3, R Wirmey (Heris) 397.42. City closed: 1, Verdum 391.39; 2, G Glasscock, 384.40, 3, T Newbook 380.38 Presemente Gup (10.00 yds): 1, White 72.7, 2, Duranny 72.7, 3. H Burcher 71 B. Arthilli Cup (Clucer's Ib): 1, White 105.15, 2, R Baker 103.13; 3, P Chance 103.13, Barker Trophy (Queen's Ib): 1, White 105.15, 2, R Genders, 147.16; 3, Ball 146.20, Sunday aggregate (Queen's Ib): 1, White 144.17; 2, Wirnley 144.16, 3, Verdum): 148.13, Heris Oper: 1, Daw 167.29 Comish Cup (1,000 yds): 1, White 144.16, 3, Verdum): 148.13, Heris Oper: 1, Daw 167.29 Comish Cup (1,000 yds): 1, White 144.16, 3, Verdum): 148.13, Heris Oper: 1, Daw 167.29 Comish Cup (1,000 yds): 1, White 144.15, 3, Amy 2.150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pistok: 1, England Red 2,166, 2, England Blue 2,137; 3, Amy 2,150 Standard pist BISLEY: Royal Navy TRC Champion

CLUB CRICKET

BIRIMINGHAM LEAGUE: Covertry and North Warwickshire 238-9 Stourbindge 83-9, Kuldermanster 180-8 Widwerhampton 175-9, Moseley 199-8 Aston Unity 201-6: Old Hit 284-3 Stratford 285-3, Smethwick 191 Walsad 138-9, West Bromwich Dartmouth 179-8 Kuldermanster 180-6

179-9 Kudemmister 180-6
FORT STERLING BÖLTON LEAGUE:
Astley Bindon 205-5 Egenon 207-9;
Walkden 198-7 Farmworth SC 5-6-5
Bradshaw 146 Greenmount 147-8. Heatron
204-5 Horwich 91-6; Little Lewer 150 Eagley
152-2: Farmworth 190-6 Tonge 167-8,
Kearsley 172-6 v Westhoughton
BOWENS GROUP BRADFORD LEAGUE:
East Bentey 149-7 Farsley 148-8; Bradford
and Bingley 148 Pudsey Congs 150-3;
Hanging Heaton 183-4 Underdrifte 187-8
MIRRARY SMITH. A CO. CHESHBRIE Hanging Heaton 183-4 Underdiffe 187-8
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COUNTY LEAGUE: Didabury 180-7
Alsagia 102-5, Heaton Mersey 139-8
Grapperhal 128-5; Bowdon 199-6
Nantwich 193-8 (Bowdon are champions);
Uoton 180 Tolt 164-9; Poymon 172-7
Warrington 69-6.

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VAUX DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE: Writhum 175-9 Burringor 175-7: Chester-le-Street 205-1 Wearmouth 210-8. Sunderland 155 Durham City 156-2: Eppleton 138 South Shields 140-7. Felling 263-2 Philadelphia 124-9: Gateshead Fell 162 Holden 139, Durham CA 197-5 Seaham Harbour 109

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE Danton West 1 (0.9 Denton 43-4: Duknfleto 185-8 Cheethram Hill 99-8; Sale Moor 163-7 Irlam 165-3, Longsght 179-6 Thomham 183-4, Woodbenk 148 Glossop 99; Roe Green 142-8 Woodhourses 143-8. LITTLEWOODS LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Bootle 162-6 Colwin Bay 139; Chester Boughton Hall 170-9 Formby 140-9; Huyton 104-St Helens Rec 106-6, Wallasey 147-8 Liverpool 80-8; Marchwel 177-7 Leigh 178-1; Southoort and Birkotsle 192-9 New Brighton 193-6; Northern 201-4 Neston 205-3, Ormskrk 164-6 Worsley 116-9, Doton 170 Newton-le-Willows 117-Birkenthead Park 81 St Helens 82-2.
MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE Ismemhead Park 81 St Helens 82-2.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE:
Fleton 134-8 Lythem 135-1; Brooksbottom
146 Stockport Georgams 147-5; Ashton-onMersey 13-5 Wythemheve 141-8.

HAMPTON TRUST MIDDLESEX COUNTY
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HAMPTON TRUST MIDDLESEX COUNTY
LEAGLE-Homsey 128 Brondesbuy 127-1;
Erfield 229-4 Ealing 233-3 (Ealing are
champions; North Middleses, 99 Eastcots
100-0; Winchmore Hil 242-7 Hampistesd
195-9: Snepheeds Bush 123 Ubdridge
125-2: Stah Hampisteed 121 Southgale
122-1 Stanmore 196-6 Brentham 125;
Wembloy 194-9 Richmond 195-3.
MEDLAND COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Drotrinch 247-7 Srettly 179-8; Hempion
181-9 Highway 169; Lothfield 86
Bedworth 85-2, Nunication 102 Wathriey
103-4, Reddiich 121 Water Onn 125-1;
Wordester NT 167 Old Edwardians 168-2
Well Liam You High 188 NORTH LAM

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LAN-CASHIRE LEAGUE: Askam 93-8 Whethaven 81-4, Barrow 207-4 Haveing 112-0: Carliele 207-6 Victors Sports 45, Cleator 70-4 v Caminoth: Lindai 191 Iliverston 113-7, Victoristown 91 Furness 92-1: Pennth 128-6 Workington 80-8 Whith I was a sport of the control of the cont NORTH STAFFS & SOUTH CHESNIRE LEAGUE: Bignali End 173-8 Audley 170-7,

Stone 241-6 Cheadle 201-9; Statlord 120 Crewe 124-4, Leek 238-3 Newcastle and H 111-4, Ashcombe Park 177-1 Little Stoke 181-4, Knypersky 159 Longton 160-9; Eworth 201-8 Moddershall 205-7. EMORT 201-5 MODDES SIGN 201-7.
THE WATION JONES NORTH WALES
LEAGUE: Beinesda 104-7 Hallyn 105-3;
Gresford 245-2 Cormsh's Ouav 145-8;
Hawarden Park 156-9 Llay 157-2; Mochdre
103-9 Brymbo 106-1. Llandudno 119-9
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DARLINGTON BUILDING SOCIETY
NORTH YORKS/SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: Stockton 149-8 Blackhall 150-7:
Hartlepool 231-5 Darington RA 75.
Guisborough 196-7 Bishop Auckland
198-1: Darington 197-6 Merske 94.
Richmondshire 255-3 Middlesbrough
229-9; Thomathy 225-7 Northelierton 157.
Normanby Hall 158-8 Noton 157: Salthum
156-8 Redicar 165-6

VALIX NORTHERN LEAGUE: Chorley 190-7 Fleetwood 175-8, Leyland 91-9 Leyland Dat 92-2: Blackpool 160-6 Moreambe 139-4; Darwen 103-7 Preston 64-6, SI Anne's 224-4 Netherheld 203-9 (Netherheld are champions). PRIORY NORTH-LIMBERLAND COUNTY LEASURE Berrarell 64 Arresch 55-5; Ashrigton 218-5 Typedale 219-5 Percy Main 116 Benueti Hill 118-3; South North 238-6 Blyth 138; County Club 293-8 Backworth 199-5, Typermouth 156-7 Morpeth 159-3

VALIX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Harwood 129-9 Clitheros 227-9; Blackburn Northern 156-8 Earby 163-0; Ribblesdale W 166-8 Padiharn 132-3; Read 163-1 Basenden 161: Coswilchwistle 200-4 Settle 148-5; Cherry Tree 60-6 Whalley 54. PURROWS SHROPSHIRE LEAGUE: Bridghorth 148-9 Shrewsbury 152-7: Cawestry 148-9 Shrewsbury 168-3; Shimal 136-8 Weifington 137-9; Whitchurch 134-9 St George's 135-3

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StJSSEX, LEAGUE: Beshill 203-5dec East
Constead 111 (Beshill are champtons).
Courborough 94 Eastbourne 96-1: Lewes
Priory 169 Haywards Heatin 170-2; Three
Bridges 201-7dec Horsham 188-6; Middleton 209-7dec Hastings 210-6, Solley
235-8dec Preston Nomeds 139; Chichester
202-9dec Worthing 156-9
MORRANT THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE:
Beaconsfield are champtons). Cove 161-8
Kdmote End 156-9 (match drawn).
Chasham 117 High Wycombe 118-1;
Marlow 176-9 Besingstoke 177-8, Hayes
210-9 Ickenham 214-2; Reading 141-7
Matdenhead and B 120; OMT 216-7
Finchampstead 221-6; Sough 178 Boyne
Hill 182-5; Harefield 192 Ting Park 193-5;
Amersham 104 Hourstow 105-5
APS TWO COUNTES CHAMPIONSHIP.

Amersham 104 Hounslow 105-5
APS TWO COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP:
Clacton 193-9 Brantee 194-6, Maldon 199
Bury St Edmunds 203-8, Copdrock and Ois
107 Colichester 108-5, Wifmarn 126 Frinton
127-1: Middenhell 175 Haistead 153-9,
Sudbury 162-9 Missley 143
VORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Harrogate 296-4
Hull 108: Casaleford 147-8 Cleathorpes
150-4, York 155-6 y York: Academy,
Scarborough 174-9 Rotherham 177-5, Shell
Coll 214-7 Shell Utd 216-6, Barrisley 156
Appleby Frodingham 157-5: Donicaster
280-7 Dirtleld 179

BOXING

LAS VEGAS, Neverte: World Boxing Council weltenweight championship: 0 de la Hoye (LS, holder) bit H Camacho (P Rico) pts World Boxing Council lightweight championship: S Johnston (US, holder) bit S Duran (Mex) pts Internetional Boxing Federation (union middleweight championship: R Marquez (US, holder) bit K Mullings (US) pts.
LONDON ARENA, Docidends: British and World Boxing Organisalion inter-continental weltenweight championship: G McCreech (Bracknott, holder) bit P Ryan

(Hackney) rsc 2. Light-middleweight (Amds): J Rock (Bellast) br R Nije (Garm) ko 3rd Super-middleweight (3mds) S Bendeil (Coventry) br G Reynders (Green-tord) pts. Light-middleweight (4mds) S Fearon (Fotes): Hight-weight (6mds) J Khalin (Nottingham) bit M Holgate (Waithamstowe) rsc 8th. Light-weighteweight (Bmds): J Rowlands (West Hem) br B Coleman (Birmingham) pts. Light-middleweight (4mds) M Takaboobighashi (Marqase and kand) br M Alexander (Donasster) pts

CURRIE CUP: Northern Transvast 40
Eastern Province 9 (in Prerona), Northern
Free State 25 Botand 75 (in Welkorn); Natal
29 Mipurnalanga 19 (in Durban); South
Western Districts 20 Gautering Lone 25 (in
Goorge), Gauteng Falcons 3 Free State 38
(in Braitpan), Western Province 52 North
West 18 (in Cape Town)

RUGBY UNION

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Pool C

Pool E

Pool A 14 Toulouse Milan: Ty: Gomez. Pens: Filizzole 3 Toulouse Try: Gerbojosa Con: Cuglei Pens: Majlang 3, Ouglei Pool B

Swanser 33 Uster (0 Swanser Tries: Gibbs, H Thomus Cont A Thomus Pens: A Thomas 7 Uster: Try: Galfick, Cont Laing Pens: Laing 3 Glasgov 22 Wasps 46 Glasgow
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Glasgow
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Hayes, Intel Pen: Hayes Wasps: Tres:
Gornersal, Greenstow, Logen, Roser,
Sheastow, Cons: Rees 3, Pens: Rees 5
(at Scotstoun, Glasgow)

32 Pontypridd Brive; Tips: Borneth, Dubossel, J. Canat, Marines Pens: Lemanson 4 Porthypridd: Tries: Janes 2, Morgan, Const. Jenkins 2, Penst, Jelkins 4, Alt. 4,500. b wich Process 17 Bath 31 b wich Process Try: Stanger Pens: Wic. American Bath: Tries: Earnstraw 2, Horsman, Operach, Perry. Cons. Call-and 3. orders 17 Bath

Mansfield Park, Hawick) Pool D Cardint Hest S Wilhers 2, Walter 2, Humphres Welse Const Janvis 5, Pent Janvis, Minister: Tries: Lacey 2, Qurnlan Cont O'Gra. Penst O'Gara 2 45 Bourgoin Hertaguist Tries: Ngeuarro 2, Witarris. Wood. Cors: Lactob 2, Pens: Lactoor 7. Bourgoing fry: First Cort: Fevre

44 Liznelli

Pau: Tries: Bacque 2, Brusque 2, Bernat-Salles, Neth. Cons: Aucagne 4 Pens: Aucagne 2. Lienelli: Pens: Bonca 4 17 Treviso Caledonia: Try: White Pens: Shepherd 3.
Dropped goal: Easson Treviso: Pens: Shentell 3 Att: 2,000 (at McDiannid Park, Ponti) European Conference

Pool A Ebbw Vale Ebbw Vale: Tnes: Bell, Hayward, Watturs, Woodward Corr. Hayward Pens: Hayward 2 Bristol: Tries: Corkey, S Jones Con. R Jones Pen: R Jones La Rochelle 20 Agen 33
La Rochells: Tries; Bouche, Moulmec.
Cons; Bouche 2 Pens; Bouche 2, Agen;
Tries; Motteo 2, Claston, Haymans, Cons;
Bouc 2 Pens; Bouc 3 Att: 5,000

Pool B Montferrend 58 Newport Montferrend 58 Newport 32 Montferrend: Tries: Bory 4, Gabin, Heyer, Labouce, Martis, Merceron, Sadourry Cores: Toulouze 4 Newport: Tries: Robin-son 2, Cooke, M Ulewellyn Cores: John 3 Pens: John 2 Montpellier 30 Sale

Montpellier: Tries. Donado 2, Betrand Debous. Cons: Debroul 2 Pens: Debroul 2 Sale: Tries: Diamond, Meore Con: Howarth Alt: 1,500 Pool C Stade Frençais 83 Farul Constante 10 Stade Français: Tries: Picson 2. Bolobo.
Comba, De Vásers, Occamps, Lazbriges,
Livierroni, Maries, Marcomet, Pedrosa,
Reight Cons: Reight 10 Pent Reight, Fanal
Constanta: Try: Tabbs Con: Telaba Pen.
Bozarau Att 3,000. FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Dax 34 London

Pool D Northampton 25 Bègles Northampton: Try: Townsond Con: Gray-son Pens: Grayson 6 Bagles-Bordeauc Try: Donglou Con: Pailat Pens: Pailat 2 20 Connecht Nice Nino: Yries: Dasokreatim, Martin, penalty iry Con: Fausto Pen: Cassus: Connects: Try: Murit Con: Elwood Pens: Elwood a Att. 1.500

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Pool E Richmond 43 Bridgend Richmond: Tries: Va. 2. Baleman, C Quinnell, Hutton, Wright Cons: Mason 5 Pon: Mason Bridgend: Try: Durston Cons: Cull 3 Colomiers 60 Grenoble 10 Coloniers: Tries: Peyson 2, Bibouler, Carre, Dalpos, Galthier, Labit. Sicurac Cons: Labri 6, Carro, Pens: Carre, Labit. Grenoble: Try. Comhons. Com Beale. Pen: Beale. Aft 2,000

Pool F Béziens: Tries: Galicn 2. Beltzons, Mignoni, Viard Cons: Gratien 3 Pens: Gratien 3 Padova. Tries: Martin, pensitr try Cons: Campese 2 Pens: Campose 3 Att: 3,000 Gloucester Gloucester: Pers: Mapletolt 4 Dropped goels: Meptetolt 2 Touton: Pers: Button 3, Totssale: Dropped goal: Huebet Att: 4,103.

Pool G Edirburgh 15 Blantz 32 Edinburgh: Tries: Reed, penalty try Con: Hodge Pen: Hodge Blamtz: Tries Artiota, Benefit, Cocumilie, Gouloumet Pens: Ameia 4 Att. 1,000 (at Goldenacre) 60 Perpignen

Newcastle: Tries: Lam 3, Archer, Arm-strong, Arnold, Nesdale, Shaw Const Sampson 4 Pens: Stimpson 4, Perpignan: Pen: Salies. Pool H 10 Narbonne Neath: Try: ponally by. Con; D Hawkins. Pen: D Hawkins. Narbonne: Tries: Artettaz 2. Stoica 2. Benazach. C Valls. Caivel. Cons; C Valls 6 Pen: C Valls. 26 Castres Saracens: Tries: P Walluce, Ravens,crot. Scila Con: Lynagh Pens: Lynagh 3 Castree: Tries: Reggludo, Senames. Con: Castregnède Pens: Castragnède 3

Allied Dunbar Premiership

Second division

Walterloo

Blackheath 29 Watefield 27
Blackheath: Tries: Clarke 2, Fitsgorald.
Graham Cons: Braithwale 3 Pers:
Braithwale Watefield: Tries: Sculy 2,
Chulena Cons: Jackson 3, Pens: Jackson 2 17 Bedford Exeter: Try: John Pens: M Fabon 2. Dropped goals' Patidar 2. Bedford: Tries: Murdoch, Whretstone, Yapp, penalty try Cons: Royor 3. Pens: Rayer 2 15 Coventry 23 Pylde: Tries: Duggan, Preston. Con: Gough Pen: Gough. Coversy: Try: Horrobin Pens: Harris 6 16 West Hartlepool 21 Moselev

Misseley: Try: Liloy Con: Liley Pena: Liley 3 West Hartispoot: Trics: Morgan. N'ualitia. Con: Vile. Pena: Vilo 2 Dropped goal: Vile Att. 1.258

Waterloo: Tries: Cozal, Heart Cons. L Gnifiths 2 Pert. L Griffiths London Scotlath: Tries: Shurmon 2, Cook, Hunter. Cons. Loe 2 Pens: Lec 3 Drapped goet: Lee

17 London Scottish 38

14 Ornell Rotherham: Try: Sinclair Pens: Brins 3 Orrell: Tries: Cronn, Verbickas, Wright. Con: Verbickas Pens: Verbickas 4 Jewson National League First division Harrogate 50 Morley 19 Harrogate: Tries: Doon 2. Feurer 2. Holder, Taylor, Whening Const. Doon 2. Riley Penst. Doon 2. Riley Morley: Tries: Ambage Macher, Smith Const. Relicher. M Sales

London Welsh 21 Leeds 21 London Welsh: Tries: Pozcock. Tucker Con: Raymond Pens: Raymond 3 Leeds: Tries: Radacanu, Stophen: Con: Tulpuloto Pens: Turpulota 3 Lydney: Try: Meck. Con: Mencii Pens: Moneti 2 Lydney 13 Liverpool St.H 0 Newbury Newbury: Tries: B Johnson, cenalty try Con: Osman Pens: Osman 3 Worcester: Tries: Barter, Clark, Tomkinson Cons: Lo Bas 2 Pens: Le Bas 3 Ottey 3 Rugby 22 Ottey: Pen. Rutledge Rugby: Tries: Saunders 2 Alexander: M Ellis Cont Quarteriil Rosstyn Park 17 Reading 29
Rosstyn Park: 17 Reading 29
Rosstyn Park: Try: Marvel Pens: Maddock 4 Reading: Tries: Bachelel, Clarik, Hams: Cont Dance, Pens: Dance 4 Wharfedale 22 Nottingham 14
Wharfedale: Tries: A Howerth, Davies,
McMarus Cons: Mourisey 2. Port.
Mourisey Nottingham: Try: Bygrave.
Pent: C Atturison 3.

RFU CUP: First round: Aspatre 24 Stockton 13; Barlang 26 Swarrago and Wareham 18; Basangstoke 10 Weston-super-Auer 39; Brimoghan/Soffful 22 Westleigh 10, Biodgwaler 18 Metropolitan

Police 30. Broadszeet 25 Walsaff 17: Camberley 38 Barnstagle 16; Chretenham 138 Oferhampton 0. Concy Hil 5 Preston Grasshoppers 16; Haywards Heath 26 Plymouth 25 Howel 64 Cambridge 12: Homess 28 Havant 72: Launceston 58 Booster 6. Leves 12 Wimbedon 11. Lichfield 10 Manchester 28, Longton 22 Widnes 38, Maderhased 14 Amerishem and Crilltom 36; Mattechester 18; Northern 49 Derby 3, Norwich 14 Braschell 25; Northern 49 Derby 3, Norwich 14 Braschell 25; Northern 11 Sedgley Park 7, Old Coventiums 13 Huddersheld 35. Olney 18 5 host 20; Sandal 30 Chester 22; Sounthorpe 6 Donoster 22; Selfy Ook 31 Syston 19; Sevenosks 32 Chestrum 13; Snetfiold 36. Okt Northamptons 14, Sherborn 19 Cition 30; St Benedict's 9 Wigton 24; Stames 35 Reduct 25 Sunderland 8 Kondal 27: Sutton and Epsem 23 Banbury 25, Teberid 23 Hardow 0. Taumton 34 Cambridge 12; Trinedale 32 Hindeley 8, Vagabonds (told) 18 Old Brodleans 15; Vale of Lune 27 Amphild 25, Whitchuster 20 Russlip 0 Winnington Park 64 Stoke 12

Welsh League First division

Aberavon 46 Maesteg 25
Aberavon: Tries; R Lewis 2, Thrupp 2.
Oplock, Stork, Vickers, Walters, Cons.
Stork 2, Ball, Maesteg; Tries; Maione 2, C
Thomas, Conte; Pearce 2. Pen: Pearce
Dropped goal: Pcarce 26 Cardiff Inst Abertillery: Tries: Howells, N Meredrift, Wright, Con; Fleet Pens; Fleet 3, Carditi Institute: Try: Roberts Pens; Roberts 3 Photogod 26 Rumney 10 Blackwood: Tries: Grinstrad, Lewis, Pasl. Con: Lay Pens: Lay 3 Rumney. Try: Norman Con: Mason Pen: Mason 30 Bonymaen 15 Durwant

Dermant: Tries: E. Harre, John, Kille, Middleton Cone: M. Thomas 2. Pens: M.

Thomas 2. Bonymaen: Tries: Alexander, N Evans, P John. Llandovery 16 SW Police Dandovery: Try: P Jones Con: Rees Pens: Rees 3 South Walss Pollos: Trice: Cox, Kright, Sperrow, Cons: Sparrow 2 Pens: Sparrow 2 Newbridge 12 Cross Keys Newbridge: Pens: J Williams 4. Cross Keys: Try: Els. Portypool 12 Coerphily 60
Portypool Tries: Advn, Beits, Cont. Penry,
Caerphilly: Tries: Robbins 3, Bitton, Devey,
R Bidgood, S Brown, Starr, Warnwright,
Const Davey 5, Philipp., Pent Davey
22 Marthyr 17

22 Merthyr Treorety: Tries: Eggar 2, Hopkins Cons: D Lloyd 2 Pen: D Lloyd Merthyr: Tries: Davies, Ford, Hooper Core Hancox.

SECOND DIVISION: Tondu 48 Abercynon 5: Kenfig Hill 36 St. Pater's 22; Pylu 21 Whitend 27, Latheren 21 Ystrodgynlas 10; Mourtgan Ash 10 Trodeger 46; Narberth 11 Tenby Urd 13 SRU League Trophy

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Group A Currie Hawkek Heriot's FP Metrose Musselburgh 34 Preston Lodge 8 Kirkcaldy 63 Edinburgh Ac 20 Glesgow Hewis 13 Gala **Group** В Biggar 24 Boroughmuir 28 Velso 65 Dundes HSFP 12 Klimarnock 13 Jed-Forest 10 Peebles 20 Watsonkans 43 Stirling County 23 West of Scottand 22

NEW ZEALAND PROVINCIAL CHAMP-IONSHIP: North Harbour 3 Canterbury 20 fin Auckland; Auckland 27 Columber-Manokau 12 (in Auckland), Taranaku 74 Southland 43 (in New Plymouth); Wellington 27 Clago 32 (in Wellington)

(in Braighan), Wissem Province S2 North West 18 (in Cape Town)

ENGLAND TRAINING SCILAD (at Bishom Abbey, September 17) Backs: J Calland (Bafri), C Catling (Goucester), I Hunter (Northampton), J Matinder (Sale), T Stimpson (Newcastle), A Adebayo (Bath), N Beaf (Northampton), J Bentiley (Newcastle), D Luger (Harlequins), J Reylley (Newcastle), D Luger (Harlequins), J Neylor (Newcastle), D Luger (Harlequins), D Rees (Sale), J Stegithholms (Bath), T Underwood (Newcastle), M Allen (Northampton), P de Glarwille (Bath), N Greenstock (Wasps), W Greenwood (Lacoster), J Gascott (Bath), P Mensah (Harlequins), M Porty (Bath), M Cat (Bath), P Greyoon (Northampton), A King (Wasps), P Greyoon (Northampton), A King (Wasps), P Greyoon (Northampton), A King (Wasps), P Greyoon (Northampton), R Cleventil, Selection (Bath), R George (Northampton), A Commissali (Wasps), A Healey (Leicester), S Damond (Bath), M Volland (Northampton), K Yese (Bath), R Cockentil (Leicester), S Damond (Baih), B Rowntree (Leicester), S Damond (Baih), B (Goucester), S Damond (Bath), D West (Leicester), G Archer (Newcastle), D Baldwin (Sale), M Regen (Bath), D West (Leicester), G Archer (Newcastle), D Baldwin (Sale), M Regen (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B Damond (Baih), B (Bath), D West (Leicester), B (Bath), D West (Leicester

The Williams Formula One team and BMW last week finally confirmed motor racing's worstkept secret - that the two

would be teaming up from the

start of the 2000 grand prix

la One racing throughout the

1990s, powering not just Williams but Benetton to eight

drivers' and manufacturers'

While Williams's strangle-

hold on the sport appears to

be slipping this year, the

Renault engine remains so

central to Frank Williams's

plans that he has taken the

unusual step of agreeing to

purchase an engine that was

previously given to the team free. For Ell million a year.

Renault has agreed to contin-

ue supplying the engine from

the end of the season until

BMW is ready to take control

Renault's decision to quit

Formula One surprised many

victim of its own domination

of the sport. The marketing

team has concluded that Wil-

synonymous with Formula

One success that there are few

extra benefits to be gained

ensure the engine's contin-

uing success. Around 30 engi-

neers travel the grand prix

At a time when the parent

company is undergoing a

painful restructuring process that is resulting in job losses

across the company, Renault

feit it could no longer justify

its huge outlay on the relative

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³⁸ Dulwich pack punch in all departments

IT MAY need a team of tanks to stop Dulwich College on the rugby union field this term. Few schools can ever have been armed with such ability. Dulwich have three forwards from the England 18-group team fresh from a victorious tour of Australia, plus, at scrum half, Tim Dux, the

captain of the England Under-16 team two years ago, and his successor. Chris King, a centre.

Everything just coming together," Dux said. "This is the season for which Dulwich has been waiting for so

in schools Dulwich won the Daily Mail under-15 national competi-

tion without conceding a point and 14 of that team played against Epsom on Saturday, David Flatman, the England Schools prop, being the

This first fixture between the

schools was running so strongly in Dulwich's favour that the referee sensibly ended the game at least ten minutes early with the score at 80-3.
It was not that Epsom were spiritless. They are a perfectly respectable team, with a long and precise kicker in Richard Small, the

fly half. They stuck to their task with commendable concentration. However, a school pack does not

EARLY indications are that,

however many changes there

may have been in personnel,

the Superleague will probably

follow much the same pattern

as last season. Nottingham

Panthers and Cardiff Devils,

having played three games in

their Benson and Hedges Cup

group, remain unbeaten, while Sheffield Steelers are

challenging for the lead in

On Saturday, all three won,

with the Steelers running up a

double-figure score against

League. Tim Cranston scored

their group.

usually face two athletic 17st props like Flatman and Jon Dawson, who are supported by Andrew Sheridan, 18st, a shot-putter who was fourth in the England schools championship two years ago. He is described by Peter Allen, the master in charge at Dulwich, as a gentleman off the pitch but a tyrant on it". Epsom could, therefore, offer plenty of excuses for being

subdued. Andy Wolstenholme, their much power in the Dulwich front five and they have the pace and intelligence among the backs to go with it. It is as good a school team as you will see. They will be scoring a lot of points this

season. Although it was their first interschools game of the term, Epsom played three matches in a pre-season tour of Ireland, while Dulwich, without their three England forwards, paid a month-long visit to Australia, a tour that served to give them added zest and sharpness.

Perhaps this was best shown in the thirtieth minute, when Dulwich were already leading 46-0. For once, they were careless and Tom Wilkinson, the Epsom captain, broke clear down the touchline. However, he was pursued all the way by James Franklin, the Dulwich hooker, who caught his man just in time.

ICE HOCKEY

Cranston leads Sheffied charge

By Norman de Mesquita

three of the Sheffield goals and

they led 7-1 by the end of the second period.

at Bracknell, where Cardiff

beat the local Bees by the odd

goal in five, but they were

fortunate to win the points.

Late in the second period, what

appeared to be a good goal was

disallowed because the on-ice

officials failed to see the puck

enter the net. Both goaltenders

were outstanding and Mark

Bernard was rightly voted the

Bracknell man-of-the-match.

goai, was also kept busy.

It was a much closer contest



The formidable Dulwich front row prepares to lock horns with their Epsom counterparts

King, who scored three tries on Saturday, is the most fluent runner among the Dulwich backs. "He gets buried if he tries to trash through a defence," Allen said, "but he is good at running into a hole and, in a oneto-one situation, I would back him nine times out of ten."

Although Dulwich will have to tidy up their goal-kicking, only a spate of injuries or complacency seem likely to disturb them. However, any overconfidence is sure to be stamped on by Dux, the captain, of whom Allen says: "He reads the game well and is great motivator."

Basingstoke Bison, who fin-

ished bottom of the Super-

league last season, went down

5-2 at Nottingham, unable to

recover from a 3-1 deficit at the

first interval.

Ayr Scottish Eagles and

Newcastle Cobras played out

a 4-4 draw. When Alan

Schuler gave Ayr a 4-3 lead,

with less than seven minutes

to go, the Scottish-based side

must have thought they were

home and dry, but Brett

Stewart pounced to score with

4½ minutes remaining on the

BY RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

The British Chess Federation

has announced the selection of

the following team to repre-

sent England, the reigning

European champions, at the

world team championship in

Switzerland in October. In

board order, the team is: Nigel Short, Michael Adams, Mat-

thew Sadler, Jon Speelman,

Julian Hodgson, John Nunn.

With this team England has,

for the first time, a real chance

of winning gold medals in the

world championship, though

some eyebrows may be raised

at the decision to exclude

grandmaster Tony Miles who

shared first prize in the British

championship tournament at

Veteran Viktor Korchnoi and

Bacrot are locked in a six-

game match. Here is

Korchnoi's win in game one.

Queen's Gambit Declined

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N16 Bd7

White: Etienne Bacrot

Albert, France,

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Hove this year.

Age v youth

England selection

point for the Cobras.

The forwards recognise that some queuing up to sign the players, but

of their experiences in Australia will not need to be re-enacted in interschools games. "The physicality has to be toned down," Flatman said, "but everyone came back from Aus-

other England coaches." Flatman is one player who is attracted by the prospect of playing professional rugby union and Allen believes he could almost play in the first division now. There is so much glory in it." Flatman said. "Everyone

tralia an improved player. We learnt so much from Geoff Wappett and the

wants to play for England." Club and representative teams are

Allen is conscious of the need to protect the talented youngsters. They should not really play more than one game a week and they can progress through the ranks after Christmas." Dux is well aware of the dangers of scorning academic work. "A young professional player can break his leg

three times and never play again. If you are not prepared to secure another career, that is it." DULWICH COLLEGE: N West M Woolsey, C King, H Stewart, F Reynolds, N Marth, T Dur, D Falman, J Franklin, J Dawson A Shendan, J Nurse, N White, A Thompson, M Graham.

EPSOM COLLEGE: Y Bau; A Histon, T Wilkinson, T Aylward, M Dailymple, R Small, A Dense; G Tongue, O Bridge, R Chebano, R Oglander, C Stade, M Gossan, O Walts, M Roberts.

SPEEDWAY

Title completes Carr comeback

By TONY HOARE

PETER CARR rounded off a remarkable comeback season on Saturday night by lifting the Premier League riders' championship at the Brandon Stadium, Coventry. Carr, 34, sneaked through to the semifinals of the competition and went on to win the final and claim the first prize of a Jawa

Carr, who represented Edinburgh in the competition, which pitted the best riders from all 14 Premier League clubs against each other, gave capital another success to

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League Cup triumph a fortnight earlier.

Yet, at the start of the year, Carr was virtually a forgotten man, having retired in the middle of the 1995 season after a disappointing spell with Belle Vue. However, Edinburgh tempted him back into the saddle after their slow start to the campaign and his return has been remarkable. In 28 matches for the Monarchs before Saturday, he had recorded 11 unbeaten scores, the

ighest in the Premier League Carr, who representated England fourtimes in the 1980s, said: "Everything has one so well since I came back. My starting is better now than it ever was and the new style of bikes used since I retired have helped me a lot."

Edinburgh had a double celebration on Saturday with Robert Eriksson, their Swedish rider, finishing in third place. Glenn Cunningham, of

Reading, was second. Anders Henriksson, of Newport, crashed heavily with Leigh Lanham, of Exeter, in the fifth race and was taken to hospital, where he was detained overnight with concussion and a burn to his leg. A dominant individual performance from Tony

Rickardsson, of Sweden, could not stop Denmark Winning the World Team Cup final on Saturday. Hans Nielsen and Tommy Knudsen, the veteran Danish pair, took the title. with 24 points, from Poland, on 25. Rickardsson scored 17 out of Sweden's 21, which earned them third place.

Formula One

season. For BMW, the announcement that it is returning to the sport comes almost exactly ten years after the German car company left Formula One. It is an opportunity luxury of motor sport Yet to revive a proud tradition that last saw BMW taking a while the car industry as a whole is struggling to deal championship with Nelson with problems created by overcapacity. Renault's deci-Piquet at the wheel in 1983. BMW is already beginning to work on the project at its Munich headquarters. The project team is being led by Paul Rossche, technical director of BMW motor sport, who sion to depart does not seem

to have greatly termished the appeal of the sport.

BMW left Formula Coe in 1987, but such is the company's enthusiasm to return that has previous Formula One experience. The company is it is willing to invest £100 million in its five-year deal also looking for a site close to Williams's Oxfordshire base. with Williams. The Jaranese car company, Honda, which For all BMW's past experideparted the grand pax cir-cuit in 1992 after leading the ence the company is facing an unenviable task in trying to way during the 1980s, has also expressed its determination to fill the void left by the departure of Renault from the sport. Renault's Mechachrome Vio meine has dominated Formu-

Formula One retains an irresistible glamour fer the big motor manufacturers. BMW explained its return in the marketing jargon beloved of the industry. "Key aspects of the BMW brand, likedynamism and innovation complement the attributes of Formula One." the company's press release claimed. Translated, it means that BMV felt it could no longer sit and watch while its main fivals, Mercedes, stole the limilight through the increasing success of the McLaren team.

ar manufacturers also love to claim that they can use techniques developed on the Formula One circuits for their production

when it was announced late While the engines devellast year, but the company is a oped for grand prix cars now seem to have more in common with aircraft thas with the hatchbacks on the streets liams-Renault has become so of Europe, there has been some transfer of technology. But if this was the main reason for investing in motor sport, BMW would simply Renault invests around £40 million a year in the sport. supporting a team of 150 highly-skilled design staff to stick with its successful touring and sports car teams, which provide far more direct lines for technology transfer.

As production cars become increasingly uniform it price and technology, the market ing becomes ever more central to success. Do not be surprised to find Renault iching to make a return to the grand prix circuit in a few years

ALASDAIR MURRAY

• HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent The holders of the Gold Cup were knocked out in the third round

this year. This is a hand from the match.

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Had East exited with a It's not clear what the correct action is on South's hand over East's One Diamond. An immediate Four Spades would have been my choice.

East discarded a diamond on the king of hearts. Declarer won and played two top trumps (on which East played the three and eight); on the second trump West correctly discarded the two of clubs. When there is a long suit in an entryless dummy you should give your partner a count of it as soon as possible. Declarer switched to a club

round of the suit. at trick four, and when West followed with the seven East could tell West had started with three clubs, so he won the first club. But now he fell from grace by attempting to cash two diamonds. Sandqvist ruffed the second diamond, and exited with queen and another trump. East had to give the rest

trump after winning the first diamond, the best declarer can do is to put East back in with a fourth trump. When East plays a second high diamond, declarer discards, and now makes the rest of the tricks. However, that is still one off. Another variation is for East to preserve the three of spades - then if South carelessly ruffs the second diamond with the two, East can avoid being thrown in by unblocking the jack of spades on the third

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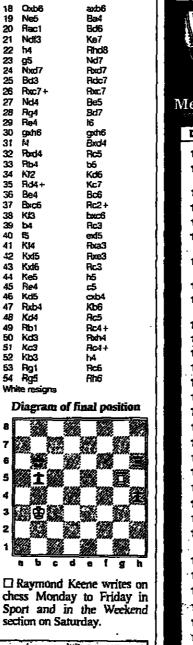
☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene White to play. This position is from the game Ibragimov - Seul. Berlin

Beginners are often taught not to make weakening pawn moves in front of the king without good reason. Today's position is a good demonstration of why this is good advice. White to play.

Solution on page 43



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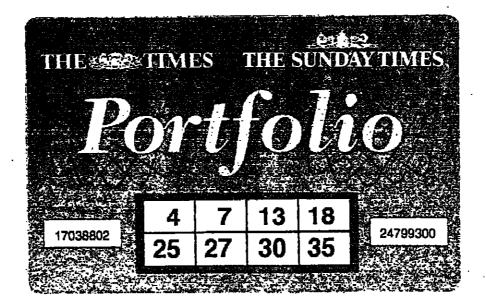
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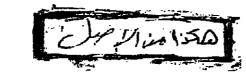


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City seeks P&O merger news

P&O: The share price was boosted last week by talk that the group is planning to demerge its Boyis housebuilding division. Interim tigures on Thursday, should confirm that the group's restructuring programme is under way.

That said, the performance of the group, whose chairman is Lord Sterling of Plaistow, is likely to be unremarkable, with restructuring costs exacting a toll Pre-tax profits should be virtually static at £130 million. with carnings per share also flat, at 15p. Positive perform-ances should come from ernises, ferries, Australia, construction and housebuilding to ofiset lower contributions from containers, bulk products and development properties. However, the main interest will be the restructuring, with brokers looking for news on the proposed merger of the ferry operations of P&O and Stena Line, now before the Munopolies and Mergers Commission before a final ruling from Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade. The payout will remain 13.5p.

TESCO: BZW last week forecast that sales of Britain's biggest food retailer will soar from £14 billion to more than £20 billion over the next five years as its hypermarket expansion intensifies.

Half-year figures tomorrow should confirm that Tesco is clinging on to top slot, with another healthy increase in pre-tax profits envisaged. NatWest Securities, the broker, is forecasting £349 million, up from £321 million for the corresponding period last year, a rise of 9 per cent. Earnings per share are likely to be up from 10.3p to 11.2p. An increase in like-for-like

sales of 5.7 per cent will be largely because of rising inflation and a doubling of Clubcard points on petrol. Gross margins and operat-

ing margins will have stayed flat, and the cost of acquiring ABF Ireland will be included in these figures. The payout is likely to match earnings growth, with a 9 per cent rise from 3,25p to 3,55p forecast.

BG: After last week's losses



Lord Sterling awaits a ruling on P&O's Stena ferries merger from Margaret Beckett

look for a better performance from this half of the newly demerged group, Second-quarter net profits on Wednesday are expected to come in at-E64 million, against £63 million last time, with earnings per share unmoved at 1.4p. That stretches the underlying surplus for the first six months to £482 million. The windfall levy of £514 million will result in write-offs and there may be further provisions of £100 million for restructuring. That could see the group eventually turn in a deficit of £30 million

to £40 million. Transco has already announced further job losses and the board's main aim will be to make its assets sweat and to return value to shareholders. Attention will be on the

year. That is likely to be cut to 8p, with the interim payout falling from 6.4p to 3.2p.

DALGETY: Two profit warmings and a dividend cut this year suggest dismal full-year figures today. Pre-tax profits are expected to fall from £101.9 million to £61 million, with earnings per share almost halved to 13.7p. There are likely to be exceptional charges of up to £140 million relating to asset writedowns and restructuring of the petfood operation. Production difficulties, loss of share in a declining animal-feed market and a high pricing policy have made it a miserable year for the group. The payout will

dividend, expected to be re- KINGFISHER: At first sight, based after the demerger. The interim figures from the retailfrom Centrica, the City will enlarged group paid 14.5p last er on Wednesday should show

shrink from 22p to 14.5p.

a strong performance. Brokers forecast pre-tax profits up from \$110.7 million to between £135 million and £140 million. with earnings per share up about 20 per cent to 14p. The Woolworth, Comet, Super-drug and B&Q group will have benefited from building society windfalls, and performance will compare favourably with its weak first quarter. B&Q's operating profits are set to grow from £47 million to £60 million.

dividend is expected to rise from Sp to 5.5p. NEXT: The group continues

The Sunday Times: Buy Wates, Kier, Lincat. Sell

William Ransom. The Sunday

Telegraph: Buy Redrow, MICE, CNC Properties. Sell

CHANGE ON WEEK

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THE POUND

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STOCK MARKET

New York Dow Jones

However, there are problems

in France, where currency

translations will take the shine

distinct improvement on last year's depressed levels and help to lift pre-tax profits from 1958 million to 1110 million. increased volumes of readymixed concrete and a 3 per cent price rise in March will boost domestic profits. In Germany, improved efficiency will go some way to offset a stronger pound. Earnings should rise 10 per cent. to 24.4p. The payout is likely to be 8p. against 7.Sp last time. HAYS: A strong performance from its personnel division

continuing expansion of the Next Directory will underpin

an impressive performance.

Pre-tax profits are expected to

come in at £63 million, up

from £56 million last time,

with earnings per share up by

20 per cent, from 10.9p to 13.1p.

In May, the group confirmed

that sales in its first 14 weeks

had grown strongly in both

Overall sales are expected to

be up by 24 per cent, with the

griss margin maintained and

costs reduced. The payout is

likely to be up from 5p to 5.Sp.

RMC GROUP: The tide

seems to have turned, with a

much better performance ex-pected in half-year figures on

Thursday. Results from its

two main markets, Britain

and Germany, should show

Retail

and the Directory.

should underpin a useful rise in full-year figures tomorrow. Pre-tax profits are set to come in at £153.3 million, against E132 million last time, with earnings per share up 15 per cent, to 25.7p. Organic growth on the personnel side is expected to be almost 40 per cent. mainly from increased revenue and improved margins. Distribution will have struggled and declining margins will have plagued the commercial operation. The payout should rise from 8.1p to 9.3p.

INCHCAPE: The sale of noncore operations will result in off Darty's performance. The lower half-year figures today. However, there should be further evidence of recovery. Pre-tax profits of £73.8 million are forecast against £82.8 to go from strength to million last time. Earnings per strength, as half-year figures share should be down about 18 due on Wednesday, will conper cent, but the dividend is firm. Extra space and the likely to rise from 4.2p to 4.5p.

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SUNDAY TIPS

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Focus on why tigers burn less brightly

the world's finance ministers are heading to South-East Asia this week for a series of meetings which culminates with the IMF annual get-together in Hong Kong next weekend. But inevitably the region's current economic problems will top the agenda.

Farlier in the week, Gordon Brown will be flagging new debt relief measures at the Commonwealth finance ministers' meeting in Mauritius. while European leaders will try to sell the euro to the East at the first meeting of the European and Asian finance ministers' group in Bangkok.

Back in the UK. Wednesday's double dose of data will provide a strong clue as to whether the Bank of England's decision not to raise rates this month is merely a brief full or represents a more fundamental shift in policy. The August retail sales figures are expected to be comparatively subdued. MMS International, the economics forecaster, predicts a monthly fall in sales of 0.3 per cent, sending the annual rate of

from 6.5 per cent in July.

Unemployment, however, is expected to fall again in August at the more modest rate of 15,000 compared with 50,000 in July. MMS predicts annual growth in average earnings to rise from 4.25 per cent to 4.5 per cent.

The publication on Tues-day of the minutes to August's monetary policy committee meeting will also throw some light on the future outlook for rates.

The PSBR figures on Tues day are expected to show the Government on course to undershoot its £11 billion target. MMS predicts borrowing of £1.7 billion, well below last year. The CBI industrial trends survey is on Thursday. On Friday the measure of broad money supply, Al4, is forecast to rise from an annual rate of growth of H.S per cent to 12.2 per cent.

In the US, the main focus will be the consumer price inflation figures on Tuesday. The monthly rate is forecast to rise from 0.2 per cent to 0.3 per cent.

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(c) A drug produced by the organs of internal secretion. Daily Express: "There are chemical substances of a drug-like character, distributed by the circulation of the blood, to act where they are needed upon various organs or tissues. They are best referred to as autocoids. Amongst the best known substances are adrenaline,

thyroxin and insulin." (b) Various attempts were made in the early Twenties to obtain more precise agreement between the experimental observation and the theoretical prediction of atomic spectral emissions. Schrodinger's attempts in 1926 were unsuccessful but Dirac, with a mathematic description of the electron in 1928, not only solved the problem but led to a profound review of the nature of matter. Dirac is among a bandful of men in the early 20th century whose capacity for abstract

WORD-WATCHING

and original thought spawned a revolution in the world of physics. (b) The curved and ornamental stern of an ancient Greek or Roman ship. Addison, Italy, 1705: "The one holds a sword in her hand to represent the Iliad as the other has an aplustre to represent the Odyssey or voyages of Ulysses."

RARRAROSSA (b) The code name for Germany's invasion of Russia on 21 June 1941. After initial devastating success, it ground to a halt and was finally repulsed. Various reasons for the failure: the difficulty of the terrain and inadequate roads; General Winter; Russian tanks operated on diesel (German ran on petrol) so that captured stocks were useless: most of all by Hitler's diversion of the main thrust away from Moscow towards oilfields in the south. It has been argued that if Germany had gone in as liberators, especially in the south, things might have turned out differently. One general, von Kleist,

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Thile in Opposition. Labhile in Opposition. our spokesmen regularly

berated the Conservatives

for the appalling level of unemploy-

ment. Now they are in government they can rejoice in sharp falls in the jobless total. On recent form they

will again be able to sing the

praises of Britain's flexible labour

markets on Wednesday, when the

latest unemployment figures are

The consensus view is that the

unemployment rate is already dan-

gerously low and threatens the

emergence of accelerating wage

inflation. But in economics you

have to learn to beware the consen-

sus. It is not so long ago that

fashionable opinion regarded dou-

ble-digit unemployment rates as an

inescapable feature of the modern

world. There simply weren't

enough jobs to go round. And as

technological change and the forces

of globalisation and downsizing took hold, there would be even

Among British economists this

the Socialist Government talks

about penalising workers who put

in "too many" hours, and sharing

out the supposedly limited amount

You do not have to be John

Maynard Keynes to find this view

distinctly odd. People have been displaced by machines for many a

long year now yet new jobs have

always sprung up to take the place of the old. Why should it be any

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Fall in unemployment need not lead to wage inflation

different now? Moreover, it is surely strange that something so obviously wealth-creating as the remarkable contemporary developments in technology should be regarded as lead-

ing to such negative results.
In the two Anglo-Saxon economies that have experienced wrenching change, unemployment is down to levels which seemed unimaginable even a short time ago. In the UK the rate is down to 5.5 per cent, while in the US it is below 5 per cent. Yet there is still no sign of accelerating

wage inflation in either country. The links between the level of unemployment and the rate of inflation were always more flexible than was commonly supposed. Economists recognised two sorts of unemployment. The first was structhinking is thankfully dead, but it is still alive and well in Paris, where tural and arose from the ebb and flow of supply and demand in different sectors of the economy. This

was an unfortunate necessity. But the second was intentional. The idea was that the higher the level of unemployment, the greater would be the degree of competition in the jobs market. Once the unemploy-ment rate fell "too low" wages would be bid up and inflation would ensue. So unemployment was the price that had to be paid to keep inflation



down. In the early Eighties, it seemed that this price was extraordinarily high as unemployment soared to levels not seen since the Thirties. while inflation was still at too high a

Yet much of the unemployment of the early Eighties was structural. It arose from the collapse of large numbers of manufacturing companies and the sharp job-loss programmes of those that remained. Many of those made unemployed by this experience failed to compete in the labour market at all. They lived in the wrong place, with the wrong skills, or no skills at all. As such, not only did they not produce anything but they failed even to fulfil the role

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ascribed to them by economic theory. Their unemployment served no economic purpose whatsoever.

To get these people off the unemployment register, what was required was not so much economic recovery as a social and economic revolution - the development of a thriving service sector and the employee attitudes to match. Many middle-aged men would never make this transition. So reducing the unemployment rate would mean a slow grind as these people grew older and passed out of the workforce, leaving their young equivalents to take jobs in the service sector. This adjustment is far from complete but it is well under way. So the level of structural unemployment has fallen and will probably fall still

Meanwhile, the degree of unemployment needed to keep in check workers' natural ambitions for more money has also fallen. In this country it is common to ascribe this to the collapse of trade union militancy following the legal changes imposed in the Thatcher years. But far-reaching though the influence of Margaret Thatcher as Prime Minister was, it is difficult to see her as responsible for the

collapse of labour militancy more or less everywhere in the world. Rather. rapid technological change in-creased competition and globalisation have weakened the power of labour. The result is that unemployment can now fall to low levels without triggering an acceleration of wage inflation.

Should we be surprised? The sustainable level of unemployment is one aspect of the efficiency of an economy. In both Britain and America. businesses have become much more efficient. Stock levels are pared to a minimum. Capital equipment is utilised to its maximum. Thanks to rapid communications, surpluses in one area shift to meet shortages in another. Unemployment represents the stock of unused labour. Wouldn't it be odd if the increased efficiency of our economies did not affect this

What is the limit? In the quarter century after 1950 Britain's unemployment rate averaged less than 2 per cent. At the time this was regarded as normal. When it rose above 5 per cent in 1975 this was widely regarded as a disaster. Ten years later, when the unemployment rate was in double figures, this former nightmare level was seen as an impossible dream. Double-digit unemployment was then thought to

be the norm. There is nothing sacrosance about 5.5 per cent unemployment. The rate could fall a lot further. As for our friends across the Channel, at some stage the penny - if not the franc -

China seeks the limelight as IMF circus rolls into Hong Kong

Janet Bush on the issues that will engross this week's round of economic gatherings

Thina long campaigned for Hong Kong to play host to the 1997 annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, hoping that its newly minted economic reforms would attract the approval of the world.

Only last week, China set the stage when its 15th Communist Party congress unveiled plans for a mass sell-off of state enterprises - the biggest privatisation programme the world has seen. Tomorrow, the World Bank report, China 2020, will highlight the People's Republic's economic coming of age.

But as any political spin-doctor knows, the most careful planning cannot anticipate sudden turns of event. The crisis in East Asian markets is destined to dominate this week's international meetings, ensuring that the world's glare falls on the region at one of the most uncomfortable junctures in its history.

A packed week of international meetings and a meaty international

sures a steep learning curve for our new Chancellor. Treasury officials report an unprecedented number of requests for bilateral meetings from fellow finance ministers, keen not only to meet the first British Labour Chancellor for near-

ly 20 years but to hear at firsthand his account of an actionpacked first 100 days. Gordon Brown emerges from the rigours of European

policy and euro currency conversion rates in Luxembourg at the weekend to travel to Mauritius for his first meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers Wornomot and Wednesday. There he will try to reinforce international mo-

mentum towards debt relief. He then moves to Bangkok on Thursday and Friday for the first meeting of ASEM, a grouping of Asian and European finance ministers set up to compete with America's monopoly on strategic networking with the Far East. Europe wanted to express its long-term interests in Asia and vice versa. Inevitably, discussion will be dominated by the collapse of Asian stock

markets, the IMFs Thailand rescue package and the implications of abandoning currency pegs all over the region.

Ministers will be asking whether the international community could have headed off the collapse and where the next crisis might blow up. They will emphasise the importance of well-regulated financial sectors and good political governance, and, in particular, developing greater transparency.

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The debates will continue with added ferocity in Hong Kong. in the forum of the Group of Seven industrialised nations (G7) on Saturday, and within the IMF and World Bank meetings. Inevitably, the weak state of the Japanese economy will come under scrutiny in G7 after last week's announcement of the worst quarterly growth figures for 23 years.

Japanese economic torpor and increasing competitive pressures from a reformist China are both significant challenges to the future per-

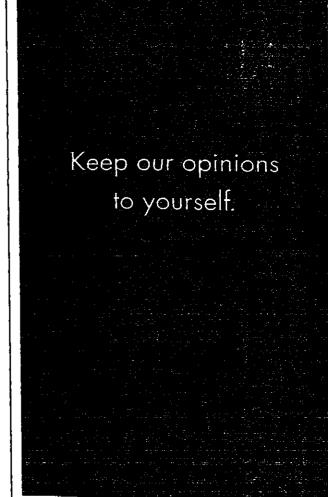
formance of the Asian tiger economies. The Asian miracie will never such critical scrutiny.
But the IMF and World

Bank meetings will also try to carry on their normal business. There will be much discussion of debt relief, of the financial position of the Fund, still the

world's crisis lender, with impending debates on quotas and a new SDR allocation. and of the progress — or otherwise — of developing

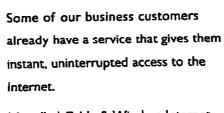
The World Bank is predicting an unprecedented boost in the prominence of developing ter of a century. The "big five" — Brazīl, China. India, Indonesia and Russia — currently have a share of world trade barely a third of that enjoyed by the European Union By 2020, the Bank believes that this could surge to 50 per cent higher than that of the EU.

The astonishing implications of the emergence of new manufacturing, trading and consuming superpowers will imagination and challenge policymakers.



It's all very well to say share and share alike, but in all honesty wouldn't you prefer to enjoy at leisure your awn copy of the Times Educational Supplement? The FE Focus section, in particular, really does deserve much more than a rushed flick through in the siaffroom. So for opinions worth taking the time to listen to, buy your zown copy, take it home and keep it to yourself

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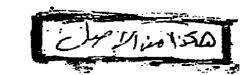
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Scottish pensions could benefit from devolution

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

SCOTS may lose out because of higher taxes after last week's devolution vote, but will gain through better pensions, it has emerged.

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Businesses face a £50 mil-lion bill and an extra administrative headache after Scotland's vote for its own parliament with tax-raising powers. But nearly 400,000 Scots will get improved pensions if the new assembly does decide to flex its fiscal powers, with the Scottish parliament able to raise or lower basic income tax by 3 per cent.

Any adjustment by the assembly, however, will auto-matically increase the wages hill of the 20,000 companies with operations north and south of the border. They will have to set up two PAYE systems to reflect the different tax treatment of their workers.

jobs are expected to go over

the next six months, with a

smaller number of page

editors replacing sub-editors

to streamline the production

Losses have been coming

down sharply and the daily

and Sunday papers are ex-pected to break into operat-

ing profit in the second half

of next year.

Independent to cut 40 jobs in relaunch The Independent, the troucombined with another restructuring that will largely pay for the relaunch. Forty

bled national newspaper controlled by Mirror Group and by Tony O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers, is to relaunch tomorrow with a multimillion-pound marketing campaign, a higher cover price and widescale redundancies (Raymond Snoddy writes).

The weekday cover price is expected to rise by 5p to 45p before the end of the month. The relaunch will be The Inland Revenue has estimated that employers will incur costs of £50 million in upgrading PAYE systems.

Pensions companies could suffer twice over. They will have to adapt their systems to enable them to differentiate between pensioners in Scotland from the rest of the UK. The Association of British Insurers said on Friday that it is looking at the implications of the "yes, yes" vote.

Although opponents of devolution made much of the powers to increase the Scottish voters' tax bills, an increase in taxation will actually give many Scots better pensions. This is because people paying into pension plans get the benefit of tax relief on contributions. If Scotland ruises the basic level of income tax by 3p, basic rate payers in Scotland will be able to reclaim 200 from the tax man for every £1 they put into a pension, compared to 23p in England.

Alasdair Buchanan, marketing consultant at Scottish Life, said: "This effect would more than offset the increase in taxation Scots pensioners would have to pay at

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET



Insurance claims pending after the IRA bombing in Manchester mean negotiations for the Arndale Centre are complex

CSC in talks to buy £300m Arndale Centre

By Sarah Cunningham

CAPITAL SHOPPING CENTRES, OWTer of the Lakeside mall in Thurrock, Essex, and MetroCentre in Gateshead, is in talks with P&O to buy the bomb-damaged Arndale Centre in Manchester for about £300 million. Negotiations are complex because of

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the involvement of the local authority as freeholder and because there are big insurance claims pending after last year's IRA bombing. It is therefore thought unlikely that P&O will be in a position to announce the deal at the time of its interim results on Thursday.

P&O is talking exclusively to CSC, although Chelsfield, the property com-

pany led by Ellion Bernerd, and Pruden-tial, one of Britain's largest property investors, are also thought to be interested. The Arndale acquisition would be Britain's biggest property deal since 1995, when CSC bought Gateshead's MetroCentre for £325 million.

City awaits P&O news, page 43

BSA throws its weight behind Welfare to Work

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the biggest commit-Welfare to Work programme will today be made when a large number of the UK's outsourcing companies sign up to the scheme.

The British Services Association, which represents companies employing 300,000 workers, and which have sales of £4 billion, is likely to offer about 2,000 places for the New Deal scheme which aims to put 250,000 unemployed

young people into jobs.
The BSA has been in talks with the Department for Edu-cation and Employment since the election. Its members work in all aspects of business services from catering to cleaning to facilities management. Its commitment to the scheme marks the first industry-wide initiative.

Andrew Smith, the Employment Minister, said: The New Deal is about making young people more employ-



Smith: welcomed support

able and integrating their needs to the needs of business.

I welcome the support of the BSA with their commitment to provide quality opportunities for many young people in the catering and business service sector. This will give them the chance to get into a fastgrowing industry."

Garry Hawkes, chairman of Gardner Merchant and chairman of the BSA, said:

the Government's Welfare to Work initiative on terms that would benefit the young people concerned and would meet the needs of our industry. BSA's national model has been constructed to ensure that young people who have been accustomed to long-term welfare may soon be accustomed to long-term work."

The BSA's pledge to participate in the programme follows commitments already outlined by Tesco and Allied Domecq. The BSA says that because it implements a national training programme throughout its member companies the skills learned by young people will be more likely to translate into permanent jobs.

The move comes as a survey by 3i, the venture capital group, shows a rise in companies willing to join in the Welfare to Work scheme. Of 473 firms surveyed, 30 per cent said they had taken on people in government schemes and 35 per cent were willing.

Advertising target for Chime

Chime Communications. the public relations group headed by Sir Tim Bell. is in talks to buy Howell Henry Chaldecott Lury. the advertising agency famous for its work on Tango and Martini among others, for an esti-mated £20 million. The deal, if agreed, will double bring Sir Tim back into the advertising world, which he left in 1985 after resigning from Saatchi &

Sir Tim would not com-ment at the weekend, but it is well known that Chime has been looking for a substantial acquisition to diversify the business away from its core of PR. The group has been in talks with a number of groups but strongly denied suggestions that Sir Tim might tie up again with his former business associates, Lord Saatchi and his brother Charles, by buying their two-year-old operation, M&C Saatchi.

GE Capital's Stalwart stake

GE Capital, the US conglomerate, will today announce the purchase of a 60 per cent controlling stake in Stalwart Group, the UK insurance company that sells home income plans to elderly people. The schemes allow elderly homeowners to exchange their property freeholds for rent-free accommodation and annuity income. GE Capital bought the stake in Stalwart from European Ac-quisition Capital, the UK venture capital fund. The deal will value Stalwart at about £43 million, more than triple its value three years ago when EAC bought the company.

World energy expansion

World energy is poised for a £2 trillion expansion by 2020 according to Power-Gen, the UK generator, which forecasts that energy demand will double by that date. In a report published today, PowerGen predicts that the jump in energy demand will increase the drive towards privatisation and deregulation as governments look to private cash to boost energy development. The report, coinciding with the opening of the World Economic Development Congress, expects a growth in independent projects built, financed and operated by international consortia.

Mutual life firms beat rivals on efficiency

By Sarah Cunningham

MUTUAL insurance companies are more cost efficient than their quoted rivals, with Equitable Life leading the pack as the most efficient operator, a new report claims. The study of the UK life in-

surance industry by Fox-Pitt Kelton, the broker, strongly supports firms such as Standard Life and Equitable Life, which have resisted the temptation of the stock market. Fox-Pitt finds that Equitable

Life, a leading mutual. is in a efficiency is concerned". The best of the rest is Scottish Widows, while Co-operative Insurance (CIS) has a "very creditable acquisition cost ratio", reflecting the effectiveness of using one salesforce to sell both life and non-life policies. Nonetheless, all the other life insurers are a long way behind Equitable Life.

trative cost ratios shows that shareholder ownership and the attendant profit motive do not lead to greater efficiency. The average ratio for administrative expenses to technical reserves is 0.52 per cent among mutuals, and 0.64 per cent among quoted companies. Fox-Pitt argues that there is scope for the industry to increase its operating efficiency, with other companies having plenty of scope to emulate Equitable Life's administrative expenses ratio of

0.18 per cent. The industry must offer better value for money, implying a change of culture and further consolidation, the report says. The effect on profits would be uncertain but would probably mean higher volumes and lower margins.

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Department stores and Waitrose supermarkets

Consolidated unaudited results for the half year ended 26 July 1997

	1997 £m	1996 £m	change %
Sales (including VAT)	1577.6	1468.0	7
Trading profit	105.6	90.2	17
Interest	11.0	12.1	
Profit before taxation	94.6	78.1	21
Taxation Preference dividends	31.2 0.1	27.5 0.1	
Surplus available for profit sharing and retentions	63.3	50.5	25

Sales increased by £73 million (10%) in the department store division and £36 million (5%) in Waitrose supermarkets.

Pre-tax profit increased by £17 million (21%).

Allocation between retentions and profit sharing is determined when the results for the year are known. The taxation charge for the year will depend on the rate of profit sharing.

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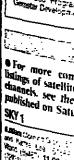
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from Dr Robin Balker, David Broughton, Charles
Burton, Dr Gloria Clifden, Ian McGaskell, Patrick
Moore and Franck Sputford (1/4) (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Swine, by Diane Samuaks. A
young Asian girl discovers her local mosque has
been desecrated. With Rina Mahoney (r)
9.15 No Man Is an Island. Fergal Keane journeys
through his native Ireland and explores the
changes that have shaped the country over the
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10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lusting

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Stories by Mark Tersin. See Choice Read by Kelsey Grammer (1/5)

11.00 Being American. Simon Parkes joins an typical American family on their annual summer vacation (2/4) (r)

11.30 Derue and the Chime of Passion, by Peter Lovsey. A historical mystery starring Robert Lang and Jane Lapotaire (2/4) (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Labe Book: The Debt to Pieasure, by John Lanchester (5/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW)
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Prime real estate: an artist's impression of the 43,000 sq ft office development Railtrack plans for the land around Leatherhead railway station

Action stations as Railtrack builds up property riches

ing above Leatherin Surrev. Railtrack, the owner of Britain's railway infrastructure, is turning the land around the commuter station into a 43,000 sq ft office development.

It seems these days that Railtrack is determined not only to concrete over most of Surrey, but also confirm the view of many City analysts at the time of privatisation, that the group was a property company that just happened to run a few railway lines on the side. This view fuelled the fears of John Prescott, then Labour's transport spokesman, now the deputy Prime Minister, that the Government was selling off valuable property interests on the cheap.

Railtrack's flotation prospectus said it would make El billion from property by 2001. But it appears that it will make much more and could bolster profits over the next couple of years by a further £200 million. Since flotation, Railtrack has The owner of Britain's railway infrastructure is sitting on a goldmine, writes Mark Court

been quietly exploiting its vast property portfolio, which pounds from its property portfolio in the six years to 2001, of ranges from major stations to railway arches, from small strips of land to former freight yards. But the company's property division, under property director Bob Hill, is reluctant to advertise its efforts for fear of upsetting Mr Prescott. A City source said: "Railtrack is very reluctant to put their property interests in

the public arena because they don't want it getting back to Prescott. But the development potential is unbelievable. Railtrack is sitting on an absolute goldmine." A surveyor close to Railtrack added: "There is a lot more activity than people are aware of. Railtrack is gearing up for

a big push on development."

In its flotation prospectus,

Railtrack estimated that it

would make one billion

which £250 million would come from disposals. Since then, property prices have risen more than 10 per cent and privately Railtrack admits that the pace of development and the profits coming in are much greater than expected.

A City source said:
"Railtrack has told us that the

El billion forecast in the prospectus will be exceeded. The problem is they say one story in private and another in public. I think they will report around £1.2 billion, but with a lot of equity investments this will actually understate the real figure."

The City is keen to get more details of the value locked up in Railtrack's property portfolio. Alan Carter, a property analyst at BZW, said: "At the time of the flotation, we said

"Oi, there's a film on tonight with George Clooney in it".

square foot, means they are inlikely to be built outside of the South East. Surrey is at the forefront of that it was impossible to put a

figure on what the property

portfolio was genuinely worth

because it is a series of one-off

situations. There's obviously

land in there of immense value. Just by doing nothing

they are sitting on an asset that

the property department is

extremely busy. Teams of ar-

chitects, surveyors and devel-

opers are working on detailed master plans for all of

Railtrack's major stations and

the group has a total of 250

In the next few weeks,

Railtrack will seek planning

permission for a £120 million

complex of office, shops and

leisure facilities to be built

above Richmond station in

Surrey. Railtrack is planning

other "air rights" schemes. But

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But evidence suggests that

is appreciating in value."

Railtrack's property push, with almost a dozen schemes. Mr Hill said: "In terms of offices outside of the central London area, Surrey is one of the best places to be."

The Surrey developments are dwarfed by plans Railtrack has for its main stations. Huge office schemes are planned in London at Paddington, King's Cross and London Bridge, as well as a further phase of the Broadgate development at Liverpool Street. A huge office scheme in Edinburgh is high on the list of priorities, and in Leeds work is about to start on a 100,000 sq ft retail and office scheme. Mr Hill said: "Increasingly we are bringing opportunities to the market as

the market warms up." Railtrack also has the advantage of recent changes to government planning rules that emphasise the importance of public transport. One analyst said: "Planning guidance note (PPG) 13 effectively said that if a development depends on road transport then it should not be given planning permission. This means the trophy site in almost every town is above or

beside a railway station." The big supermarkets, whose out of town stores were a key factor in the introduction of PPG 13, have already turned their attentions to railway stations. Tesco has been in negotiations with Railtrack and the local council in Aylesbury. Buckinghamshire, with a view to building a supermarket over the station.

r Hill is in the process of restructuring the property department so that it can take a more active role in development. He said: "One of the changes since we came into the private sector is that we can take a wider business view of the most sensible way to proceed. In the past we were totally driven by the need to get capital

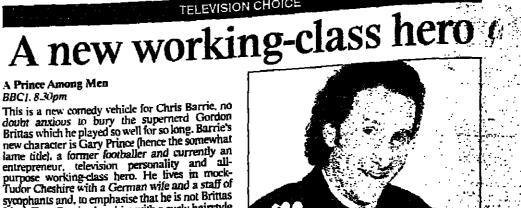
Many in the property industry believe the changes will lead to Railtrack taking large equity stakes in high-profile schemes and developing major schemes themselves to get a bigger share of potential profits. The property push will have a substantial effect on Railtrack's bottom line. One analyst said: "The property contribution is understated in the share price, but it's difficult to say by how much. The property angle is a big dimension but cost-cutting is the

main issue in the short term." Railtrack could also be punished for making too much out of its property portfolio. Unlike other utilities, which benefit from unregulated income outside of their core activities, Railtrack's supplementary income comes under the gaze of the industry regulator.

Where Railtrack's property income exceeds the amount assumed by the regulator in setting excess charges for that year, 25 per cent of the excess will be given as rebate to trainoperating companies. After 2001 this may change as the regulator reviews the situation and may force Railtrack to hand over 40 per cent of the profits.

Railtrack's property portfolio has been something of a sleeping giant, but the giant is now stirring. An army of building workers, bulldozers and cranes will soon be pulling in to a station near you.

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Chris Barrie stars (BBC1, 8.30pm)

the United States decided it would no longer share its nuclear know-how. Stung by this rebuff, the Attlee Government decided that Britain must have its own nuclear weapon. William Penney, a blast must have the hard worked on the American bomb expert who had worked on the American bomb, was put in charge. The exercise was conducted was put in charge. The calcuse was connected, and the utmost secrecy but with so little security that the vital plutonium was transported by road without a police escort. First-hand accounts from the scientists involved, and previously classified footage, lend colour to an absorbing account.

Picture This: Waiting BBC2, 9.30pm

Radio 4. 10.45pm

The series of documentaries by emerging directors opens with a film by Joanna Bailey about those whose job it is to wait at table. It is an unusual subject and Bailey does not disappoint, even if she subject and Bailey does not disappoint, event was overdoes the arry camera angles and other visual gimmickry. She intercuts the stories of five people, clearly chosen for variety and contrast. Ellen and Pam are middle aged women who work for a company which puts on posh meals for the upper these the people a writters because she classes. Eilen became a waitress because she missed out on education and could not read. She still cannot. Pam reveals an unhappy, not to say tragic, domestic life. We also meet the genial head of a restaurant run by a Burmese family and a young Serb whose uninhibited use of English tends to startle the diners in respectable.

Book at Bedtime: Stories by Mark Twain

Kelsey Grammer is something of a cult figure: through his portrayal of the radio psychologist Frasier in the television series imported by Channel 4. But now he appears in the very different role of reader in the Book at Beddine slot.

Grammer's debut on British radio. The BBC, understandably enough, has been plugging these short stories for a week or so and the quality of the first one tonight. A Day At Niagara, is all most listeners will need to ensure that they hear the rest

The stories have been abridged by Duncan Minshull and they were recorded in New York, as

is only right and proper. It is too long since I read

Twain but I do recall The Great Beef Contract, which is tomorrow's story.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

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became intermeshed. During the war British scientists had worked with their American colleagues on the Manhattan Project. After the war RADIO CHOICE

Speak After The Beep Radio 4. 8.45am

Channel 4, 9.00pm

Equinox A Very British Bomb

A Prince Among Men BBC1. 8.30pm

Mark Two, Barrie plays him with a curly hairstyle and a Liverpool accent. From the evidence of the opening episode the comic focus is hard to discern.

Like Brittas. Prince is less important than he thinks he is and gets slapped down, though this seems hardly enough to sustain a series. But first episodes

tend to be warming-up exercises and we must hope that the writers, Tony Millan and Mike Walling.

The second programme in a very watchable series uses two episodes from the Second World War to illustrate a profound change in the nature of naval

combat. The first is the destruction by the Japanese, at Pearl Harbor, of the United States Pacific Fleet, The second is the American revenge, seven months later, at the Battle of Midway. The

the aircraft carrier. With the help of first-hand accounts from American and Japanese veterans. the film traces the development of the carrier from tentative beginnings in the 1920s to a new weapon

of war. It meant that at Pearl Harbor the Japanese were able to launch their air attacks from 275 miles away, while at Midway the ships of the two fleets did not even see each other.

The development of the British atom bomb is

parily a political story and parily a scientific one and, as this excellent documentary shows, the two

common, crucial factor in both engagements

Decisive Weapons: Aircraft Carrier

BBC2. 8.00pm

Radio 4 has a delayed a decision on axeing Yesterday In Parliament so those of us who wish to Yesterday in Parliament so those of us who wish to see an end to it are unashamedly lobbying to increase the audiences for programmes like this, which replace YIP during the parliamentary recess. But the return of Speak after the Beep warrants attention in any event, for it brings together, seamlessly, the writing of Michael Frayn and the acting of Martin Jarvis. Today's story—there are five, one on each day this week—is there are five, one on each day this week - is about an opera singer being interviewed backstage during breaks in her performance. Jarvis plays all the parts, which, later in the week, include the flight crew of a jumbo jet and Mr and Mrs God. These programmes are minor gems.

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radduffe and Boy Lard with the Breakfast Show 9.00 Schon Mayo 12.00 Mary Anne Hobbs, Includes 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Kevin Greening 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session with Steve Lamacq 8.30 Live Music Update with Biggy Smale 8.40 Andy Kershaw Includes a rive session by Maria Vasconcelos 10.30 Charlie Jordan 1.00am Cive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

6.00am Serah Kennedy 7.30 Walka Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Delbbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 6.00 Malcolm Layoock with Big Band Ere and Dance Band Days-9.00 Big Band Special. The BBC Big Band under by Bany Forgie, from Eden Court Theatre, Inveness. With the Jazz pianist Morny Alexander 9.30 Hayes Over Britain 10.00 Richard Alinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester. Includes at 3.30 Pause for Thought 3.30 Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breaklast Programme 9.00 The Megazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Football Legends. A new series in which Jimmy Amfield talks to great players of the peat, beginning with Jimmy Greaves 8.00 David Mellor's Football Forum. The with Jimmy Greaves aloue payon means a concent or my White first of the season's discussion programmes comes from White Hart Lane in north London 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra with Valene Sanderson 12.00 After Hours with Paul Hernott and Shella McClermon 2.00em Up All Night with Rhod Sharp 5.00

TALK RADIO

6.30am The Breakfast Show with Paul Ross and Carol McGrifen 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tormmy Boyd 4.00 Drivetime with Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raebum 9.00 James Whate 1.00am lan Collins

2.45 Home is Where the Halred is 3.00 Newsday 3.30 On Screen 4.00 News 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newsdesk 5.30 Europe Today CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann 9.00 Henry Kally 1.00pm Listener Request Hour 2.00 Concerto Haydh (Oboe Concerto in C) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Newsright 7.30 Sonata L.F. Dauprat (Sonata for Hom and Harp) 8.00 Evening Concert. Scrubert (Mass No 5 in A flat; Intende Voci; Tantum Ergo in E flat) 10.00 Jane Maricham 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience 10.00 Greham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Pichard Porter

Wen performs (andier and German dances by Haydn, Besthoven, Schubert and Mozart, Lanner (New Viennese Landier); Johann Strauss, son (Basch in der Tai); Johann Strauss, stather (Sorgenbrecher); Johann Strauss, son (Weltz Fruhlingsstimmen) 8.20 Cheese. With Sydney Angelo, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, the Bishop of Oxford, Mathide Pourit, and the cheese historian Duncan Clegg 8.40 Concert part two, Josef Strauss (Rudolihermar-Polka; Die Guten Attern Zeiten); Philipp Fahrbach Jr (Reissaus); Lanner (Dampi-Walzer); Johann Strauss, son (Overture: Die Fledermaus)

9.35 Postscript. Written and presented by Sue Marling, A look at the current renassance in landscaping (1/5) (1)

(Voices, in the first of a new series, Natalie Wheen introduces highlights from the Wigmore Half International Song Competition which took place

last Saturousy Iconoclassics. Andrew Sparling's lalks to Annette Morreau, founder of the Contemporary Music

4.45 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson (r) 5.00 In Tune, with Sean Ratiery, includes Sarasate (Zigeunerweisen): Sibelius (Karelia Suite): Prokoflev (Symphony No 1. Classical) 7.30 Performance on 3. An evening of dance music from Broadcasting House In Vienna. Ensemble. Wien performs landler and German dances by Usauta. Beathwarer Schulbed and Mozart Langer

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Vivaldi (Magnifical in G minor); Mozart (Symphon No 29 in A); Liszt (Hungarian Faritasy No 2 in C sharp minor); Chabrier (Joyeuse marche); Bach, arr Busoni (Wachet auf). Strauss (Suite Le bourgeois gentilhormne)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore, Includes
Handel (Water Music Suite No 1 in F); Beethoven

(Andante Favori): Strauss (Serenade for 13 Wind Instruments); Dvoltak (Slavonic Dances: No 7 in C minor; No 8 in G minor)

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10.00 Musical Encounters, with Stephanie Hughes. Includes Poot (A Cheerful Overture); Locke (Broken Consort in DI: Koechlin (Seven Stars Symptrony, Inst mvt); Mozart (Violin Sonata in E miror); Svendsen (Carnival in Paris), Ravel (Trots poemes de Mallarme); Rootham (Miniature Suite)

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Muzio Clementi
1.00pm News; From St Johns, A concert given last year by Raiph Kirshbaum, cello, and Roger Vignoles, piano Bach (Solo Celio Suite No 3 in C. BW/1009); Shostakovich (Celio Sonata) (r)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. The first of a new series

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. The first of a new series BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Tadaaki Otaka/Marlss Jansons, With Cheryl Studer, soprano, and Arturo Pizarro, piano, Includes

Wagner (Die Meistersinger von Numberg, Preiude to Act 1): Takernitsu (A Flock Descends Into the Pentagonal Garden); Strauss (Four Last Songs); Rachmaninov (Rhapsody in a Theme of Paganini); Besthoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor) 4.00 Music Matters, with Ivan Hewelf (t)

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.45 Speak After the Beep. See Choice (1/5) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with the Times columnist Metvn Bragg and his guests
10.00 Daily Service (LW). From St Andrew's and St George's Parish Church, Edinburgh

10.00 News; Battling with the Past (FM). Presented by Ronald Hutton 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour. Jenni Murray talks to Eileen Gray, tounder of The Women's Cycle Racing

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11.30 Money Box Live, with Vincent Duggleby
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Round Britein Quiz. The North of England
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1.40 The Archers (f) 1.55 Shipping Forecast (LW)

2.00 News; David, by Nick Warburton, A drama following the life of the Old Testament's King David. With Michael Sheen and David De Keyser

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope. Lynne Walker sees a new production of Lorca's The House of Bernards

Alba at Glasgow's Tramway, and hears the newly declared Booker shortlist 4.45 Short Story: Voodoo Cantata, by Gai Hughes. Read by Carolyn Jones

11.30 Composer of the Week: Verdi (r)
12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 News Quiz, with Simon Hoggert, and penellists Jeremy Hardy. Clive Anderson and the Times columnts! Alan Coren (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

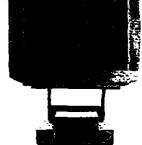
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11.30 Bertle and the Crime of Passion, by Peter

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Louchely Liverpudlian in the Lake District

and cheen an early rehearsal I'll The Lakes (BBCI). We had heen our enjoying a favourite walk Ambleside to Trout Beck and hack a leisurely climb on the Way out, absolutely exhausting on the sleep but spectacular way back again. We had earned a drink, so chose a promising-looking pub-and walked into . . . bedlam.

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The party had clearly been in full swing for hours. You could cut the smoke with a knife, a small fight had broken out in one corner and an ambitious couple were attempting to dance. That was nothing compared with what a number of other ambitious couples were attempting to do on the plush velvet benches. Who would have thought it: snogging ... in the Lake District ... at 4.30pm? Is it always like this?" I asked the barman "Only when it rains," he said, and smiled. We didn't stay

So, when Jimmy McGovern tells us that the Lake District is full of people having casual sex I believe him. His assertion that it is also full of Roman Catholic priests having their vows of chastily tested by attractive parishioners, I must take on trust. He wasn't getting con-fused with Ballykissangel, was he? For the first half-hour, The

Laker was just like that Ambleside pub: lots of young people rushing around doing what young people do - in quarries, cars, barns, fields and, just once in a while, even in bed. It was all great fun and that made me nervous, be-cause McGovern, creator of Cracker and chronicler of Hillsborough, does not believe in fun. Sure enough, it didn't last long. Danny, our young Liverpudlian

anti-hero, and Emma, who would have gone to university if she hadn't met him, had a problem. She was pregnant. She was also a

that. Straight off to the nearest council tower block ... and then he got sent to prison ... and then she left him and went home to mum. The same mum, by the way, who was stirring improper thoughts in the mind of the local priest, in a subplot that so far makes no sense at all, but with Mary Jo Randle and Robert Pugh on top form is lovely to watch.

y now we had the definite B impression that time was fairly rushing by. Unfortunately, as McGovern's mood darkened, the same could not be said of the feature-length opening epi-sode. The last half-hour -- as instinct primed us for the disaster that duly arrived - was particularly hard going. But I'll stick with it (to be strictly

sticking with it: I'm off on holiday)

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

television, McGovern only annoyed me once: by giving Danny exactly the same fatal character flaw he gave to Fitz in Cracker an addiction to gambling. Sex, death and Catholic guilt I'll accept as recurrent themes in his writing, but the repeated use of a fondness for the punies just seems lazy. Two to one, he disagrees.

Over on BBC2, I thought the accurate it will be John Diamond

if only because, in 90 minutes of best thing about Alan Clark's

big blue lion that strode majestically through the opening titles. Bet the party political broadcast boys wished they had thought of that. For his part, Clark did very little

striding but an awful lot of elegant leaning and the odd bit of urbane ambling as he covered events from the Carlton Club meeting of 1922 to the outbreak of the Second World War. If you weren't up on your British constitutional history you were in trouble. Mind you, if you weren't up on your British consti-tutional history you probably didn't know you were in trouble. You had either turned over in search of something less languid or you were busy accepting every-thing the great man said as gospel truth. So that was what the Abdication was all about: "the last great establishment coup dressed up as high-mindedness. - Never doubted it for a minute. Clark's famously lazy drawl is

History of the Tory Party was the not ideal for television, rendering one or two words completely unintelligible. But he has goodwill behind him and an enjoyable cast of now rather elderly first-hand witnesses. The fact that it is the future of the Tory party that is rather more pressing than its history is hardly his fault. The series should go down well with those who complain there is nothing intelligent on television any more, but somewhat less positively with those who know - that here and now -- there actually still is.

There was no doubting, for instance, the intelligence behind Bookmark: The Roots of Alex Haley (BBC2, Saturday) but its motivation seemed more puzzling. By its own admission, very little of what was in James Kent's handsomely made film was new. The serious allegations of plagiarism surfaced soon after Roots was published in the 1970s, made much of it up began soon after his death, four years ago.

His brother George, who proud-ly has a Roots family tree in his office, reacted with curious emphasis: "He didn't make it up - that's all I can say." Kent and Philip Nobile, the sort of crusading investigative journalist who makes me nervous, didn't believe him, but at least they put a couple of others in the frame alongside. Could it have been his publisher. aware that a "true" account would be a far more commercial proposition than fiction? She swore not. But what about the Gambian Government which the programme alleged had conveniently "found" Haley's missing African ancestor, knowing that black American tourists would flock to its country as a result? That's not so much foresight as genius - and if it's true they deserve all the dollars

€ SBCi 6.00am Business Breakfast (30028) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T: (98016115) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (2954912) WALES: 9.00 Referendem Call (4660)

9.30 Style Challenge (1792912) 9.55 Kitroy (T) (5741573) 10.35 Change That (1831399) 11.00 News (T) and weather (4103467)

11.05 The Really Useful Show (i) (9143466) 11.35 Room for Improvement The pittalls of buying a new house (2714486) 12.00 News (T) and weather (6673689) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (9944080) 12.35 Going for a Song (9657641)

1.00 News (T) and weather (38573) 1.30 Regional News (17751467) 1.40 The Weather Show (87609080) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (77487660) 2.10 Quincy (r) (3247509)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (8912) 3.30 Ptaydays (8420115) 3.50 Revolting Recipes (1864028) 4.05 Little Mouse on the Pravie (4913912) 4.25 The All-New Popeye Show (3994221) 4.35 Goosebumps (6928844) **5.00** Newsround (T) (9323080) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (5229776)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (470202) 6.00 News (T) and weather (739) 6.30 Regional News (689)

7.00 This is Your Life Michael Aspel surprises another unsuspecting personality (3221) 7.30 Here and Now Teenage prostitution; the volunteers behind Britain's smallest radio

8.00 EastEnders A new face spells disaster for George, and Nigel receives disturbing news (T) (9641) 8.30 PLANCE A Prince Among Men New comedy series, starting Chris

Barrie as a social climber (T) (8776) 9.00 News (T) and weather (4318) 9.30 Bloomin' Marveilous After months of

trying for a baby, a romantic weekend in the Lakes seems to have done the trick for Jack and Liz (T) (18134)

10.00 Panorama Jane Corbin reports on the events in Paris which lead to the accident that killed Dlana, Princess of Wales (774950)

10.40 Full Circle with Michael Palin (2/10) Japan and Korea (r) (T) (208592) WALES: 10.40 Catalysts (360329) 11.20 FAW Football (756399) 12.50am Film '97 (3017332) 1.20 FILM: Goin' South (871852) 3.05 News (86611061)

11.35 Film '97 with Barry Norman Mike Leigh discusses his latest film, Career Girls, and his prolific workrate. Plus: reviews of My Best Friend's Wedding, with Julia Roberts and Rupert Everett, and Photographing Fairies, and a report from the set of Harvey Keitel's Head Above

12.05am Goln' South (1978) Jack Nicholson directs and stars in this tongue-in-cheek western about an outlaw who arouse western about an outlaw who avoids being hanged by marrying Also with Mary Steenburgen and Christopher Lioyd

1.45 Weather (2924852)

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English Everywhere (4743950) 6.50 Family Problems (5541950) 7.15 Sec. Hear News (Tland signing) (4681370) 7.30 Smurts' Adventures (1) (6789047) 7.55 To Me, to You (1) (T) (5784825) 8.20 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (r) (35-4592) 8.35 Telelubbies (r) (1366115) 9.00 Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (2953283) 9.25 Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (b/w) (r) (3159405) **9.45** Rocky Star (b/w) (r) (8954202) **9.50** Cartoon (8942467) **10.00** Teletubbies (97738)

10.30 Knights of the Plains (1938, b/w)
Western drama with Fred Scott Directed by Sam Newfield (95912) 11.30 The Fugitive (b/w) (r) (T) (9680944) 12.20pm Complete Guide to the 20th Century (r) (6675047)

12.30 Working Lunch (96912) 1.00 Greedysaurus Gang (r) (73767863) 1.05 Hairy Jeremy (73766134) 1.10 The Craft Hour (2133496) 2.10 Wildlife on Two (31704912) 2.40 News (f) (1118196) 2.45 Match of the 1970s (r) (T) (3069399) 3.25 News (1) (4161080) 3.30 Real Rooms (1) (467) 4.00 Ready, Steady, Cook (202) 4.30 Going, Going, Gone (6927115) 4.55 Esther (1992806) 5.30 Today's the Day (738)

6.00 Battlestar Galactica (1/2) (r) (T) (222399)

6.50 Silders (r) (T) (705467) 7.30 Oil on Canvas The basic principles of

portraiture (T) (115) 8.00 CHRICE Decisive Weapons Charling the impact of technology on the history of war, beginning with the aircraft carrier (T) (7283)

8.30 The Travel Show Sri Lanka, Comwall, and Co Kerry (6318)

9.00 Changing Rooms Interior design challenge (T) (5660) 9.30 Picture This A new real-life series, beginning with a look at five people who all wait at table (T) (16776)



Host Mark Lamarr (10.00pm)

10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks New senes of the pop quiz hosted by Mark Lamarr (T) (60009)

10.30 Newsnight Devolution special (T) (718554) 11.15 Jonathan Milier's Opera Works (3/6) The chorus (T) (793405)

12.00 Weather (5003121) 12.05am Walking on Thin Ice New series, rival explorers on the ice of the Arctic Ocean (2758054)

12.15 Animation 2 (r) (4176806) 12.30 Learning Zone: O U: Persisting Dreams (97871) 1.30 Jasper Johns' Flag (91500) 2.00 Perfect Pictures Collections 1 (45581) 4.00 Italia 2000 (17177) 4.30 wat Institute Discourse (99516) 5.30 RCN Nursing Update Unit 73 (92005)

6.00am GMTV (7597931)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (2950196) 9.55 Regional News (T) (1417757) 10.00 The Time, the Place (17592) 10.30 This Morning (T) (18218660) 12.20pm Regional News (6671221)

12.30 News (T) and weather (9850738) 12.55 High Road (T) (9868757) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (58592318) 1.50 Mad About Men (1954) with Glyris
Johns and Arine Crawford. A mermaid
stands in for a young schoolteacher in
order to meet men. Directed by Ralph

Thomas (6497931) 3.30 Tots TV (i) (1848080) 3.40 The Slow Norris (768)912) 3.50 Wolves, Witches and Giants (1859196) 4.05 Sooty and Co (T) (4908080) 4.25 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (f) (T) (4924028) 4.50 How 2 (T)

5.10 WALES: Animal Country (2767912) 5.10 We Are Seven Period drama (2767912) 5.40 News (T) and weather (646318) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (497405) 6.25 HTV Weather (366196) 6.30 HTV News (1) (757)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers Hosted by Philip Schofleld, with Claudia Winkelman (5689) 7.30 Coronation Street Samantha must

make a decision (T) (641) 8,00 World in Action Updating the stories of three teenagers, featured in a 1992 edition, who had spent their lives in care

8.30 Michael Berrymore's Strike it Rich (T)



Orla Brady as Clare Somers (9.00pm)

9.00 Noah's Aric Matters of Principle Noah goes after an unscrupulous dealer after being forced to put down a little girl's pony. With Anion Rodgers (T) (6028) 10.00 News (T) and weather (80863) 10.30 Regional News (T) (125950) 10.40 WALES: Referendum 97 -- Wales

Decides Reports from Cardiff and Edinburgh (283283) 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (403370) 10.40 Nash Bridges: Trackdown Police series with Don Johnson (T) (293660)

11.40 WALES: Nash Bridges (159047) 11.40 Tropical Heat A lishing trip lakes a macabre turn when Spider reels in the head of a fisherman (159047)

12,40am Football Extra (8837326) 1.40 War of the Worlds (r) (1816852) 2.30 Rockmania (r) (79784) 3.30 God's Gift (4958245)

4.20 Recollections (30217451) 4.35 World in Action (r) (T) (31568784) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (19974)

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5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2767912) 6.25-7.00 Central News (748912) 11.40 Swift Justice (691283) 12.45am Football Extra (890332) 1.45 Late and Loud (886516)

2.45 Curtis Calls (7252535) 2.50 Film: The Day the Earth Caught Fire (168351) 4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (4639351)

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5.20 Asian Eye (1244326)

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1,55 Murder, She Wrote (3700221) 2.50-3.20 Gardener's Diary (6162931) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2767912) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (25347) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (159047)

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12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (9868757) 1,50 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China 2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (4461514)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (2767912) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (405) 6.30-7.00 Tale of Four Favourite Towns

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (116202) 10.45 Nash Bridges (292931) 11.40 The Pier (811405) 12.05am The Listings (2853608) 12.10 The Loop (3611351) 5.00 Freescreen (19974)

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1.50 Homemaker (1061950) 2.25-3.20 Blue Heelers (4461514) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (2767912) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (748912)

10.40 Backstage (760365) 12.15am Weekly World News (2276852)

S4C Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (28196) 9.00 Something So Right (2988979) 9.25 Film: Great Guns (1454283) 10.45 Love's Lost Hour (3080467) 11.00 The Great Outdoors (5172) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (1221) 12.00 Right to Reply (87776) 12.30pm Baby Baby (81080) 1.00 Slot Melthrin (83024641) 1.15 Miffi (83029196) 1.30 Pencampwriaeth Gofff Proffesiynol Cymru 1997 (304383) 4.00 Bewitched (370) 4.30 Garden Party (554) 5.00 5 Pump (5138134) 5.15 Ffell (9335825) 5.30 Countdown (134) 6.00 Newyddion (851889) 6.15 Heno (496047) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (501592) 7.25 Pencampwriaeth Golff Proffeetynol Cymru 1997 (883979) 8.00 Eric (2979) 8.30 Newyddion (1486) 9.00 Refferendwm '97 (7370) 10.00 Sgorio (7757) 11.00 Whose Line is it Anywey? (2573) 11.30 The American Football Big Match (259221) 12.45am-1.45 lan Histop's School Rules

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propaganda film about an Austrian doctor who becomes disillusioned with his Nazı patrons. Starring Clive Brook, directed by Anthony Asquith (918486) 4.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (370) 4.30 Countdown

(T) (6912263) 4.55 Montel Williams (T) (3697234) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (134) 6.00 Home Improvement American comedy series (T) (937) 6.30 Hollyoaks Teen scap (T) (399)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (242573) 7.50 Get Sorted The first of five programmes tackling everyday jobs around the house. Today, rustproofing a car (277283)

8.00 Undercover Britain: Football Touts A football fan investigates how tickets become available on the black market (r)



Abseller Lisa Byleveld (8.30pm)

8.30 Short Stories: The Bridge A team of absellers tackle the task of painting the Forth Road Bridge (T) (1486)

9,00 ENGLE Equinox A Very British
Bomb The story of British's
atomic bomb, featuring unique toolage which has been declassifed for the programme (T) (7370) 10.00 NYPD Blue Simone and Sipowicz are

called into a salvage yard where a woman's body has been found. Gina returns to the force (T) (7757) 11.00 Seven Sins A new series offering a 1990s perspective on the Seven Deadly Sins, beginning with Sloth (T) (2573)

11.30 The American Football Big Match Highlights (259221) 12.45am Trans World Sport (r) (888974) 1.45 Football Italia (r) (88180887)

4.10 Men Are Not Gods (1936, b/w) with Miriam Hopkins, Sebastian Shaw and Gertrude Lawrence. A melodrama about a woman who falls for an actor — much to his wife's dismay. Directed by Walter Reisch (5267968)

5.35 Film and Video Showcase (r) (3605245)

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6.00am 5 News Early (7306028) 7.30 USA High Teen sitcom (r) (5560009)

8.00 Havakazoo (2669711) 8.30 WideWorld The impact of computers on business (4/15) (3019252)

9.00 Espresso Consumer magazine (7848573) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (7857912) 10.25 Give 5 (r) (5692399) 10.30 Attractions (r) (9619496) 11.00 Leeza Chat show (1466134)

11.50 Give 5 (r) (69788950)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Los Angeles-based soap (T) (5914888) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9975028) 1.00 5 News Update (85032950) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8641202) 2.00 5's Company. Live entertainment (8612863) 3.30 Codename: Dancer (1987) with Kate Capshaw as a former CIA agent, now a happily married housewife, who is asked

by her old employers to help to free a colleague languishing in a Cuban jail. Directed by Buzz Kulik (8702979)

5.20 Give 5 Charity appeal (11283689) 5.30 Move on Up Fast-moving game show (T)

6.00 100 Per Cent General-knowledge quiz (9198318) 6.30 Family Affairs Nick is offered work (T)

7.00 Oasis: Mad for It A new series exploring the different influences on the Gallagher brothers, Liam and Noel (8154641) 7,30 Give 5 (9178554)

.00 Hot Property Sandy Milchell helps a fireman and an aromatherapist to find accommodation in Cornwall for themselves and three children (T) (8170689) 8.30 5 News (T) (8159196)



Action-packed drama (9.00pm)

9.00 Speed (1994) Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock in a drama about trying to prevent a booby-trapped bus from blowing up. Directed by Jan De Bont (61398134) 11.15 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (1558009)

12.00 Prisoner: Cell Block H (9172351) 1.00am Live and Dangerous presented by Dominik Diamond and Shelley Webb (22713806)

3.45 Asian Football Show (6345790) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco Police drama series starring Karl Malden (1)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (7723210)

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8.00em Morning Glory (539196) 9.00 Regis and Rethile Lee (61699) 10.00 Another World (68467) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (72931) 12.00 The Corah Winfrey Show (55699) 1.00pm Geratic (31009) 2.00 Sulfy Jessy Rephael (45399) 3.00 Jerny Jones (63963) 4.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (43370) 5.00 Stat Told The Not Generation (4788) 6.00 The Live 6 Show (888) 8.30 Martied — with Children (4600) 7.00 The Surpsons (5467) 7.30 M-A*SH (3592) 8.00 Szr Trek: Voyager (99950) 8.00 Pottergest! The Legex (83486) 10.00 1997 Entry Avardis (63134) 12.90 Late Show with David Leitermen (73142) 1.00em Hit Mix Long Play (2038254) SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, includes sport and business updates

SKY MOVIES
6.00mm Seasons of the Heart (1983)
60950318) 7.43 Two of a Kind (1982)
(43085689) 9.30 Apolio 13 (1985)
(55246863) 11.50 Letters from the East
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SE examines share deals in Stagecoach

THE London Stock Exchange is investigating share transactions by David McLeary, husband of Ann Gloag, the multimillion-airess co-founder of Stagecoach. It emerged that he violated

BG to buy back £1bn

of its own shares

dealing rules by taking shortterm punts on the transport company's shares and failing to properly notify the company of his dealings. Last month, Mr McLeary, whose wife is a director of Stagecoach and whose brother-in-law, Brian Souter, is the group's chief executive, bought 5,000 shares on a Monday and sold them the following Friday after a 7.4

per cent rise in the price. The transactions directly contravene the model code set out by the Stock Exchange, which stipulates that neither

BG, the former British Gas

pipeline company, is to buy

back £1 billion worth of its

shares in a move to be announced with its results

on Wednesday.

The cash handout would

have been even larger but for fears that Clare Spottiswoode, the industry

regulator, could force extra

price cuts on the company,

costing £500 million over

The move, coming just a

British Gas into BG and

Centrica, is expected to

cause howls of protests from

unions representing the

2,500 staff who are being

axed in a restructuring

which it said was caused by

the Monopolies and Merg-ers Commission's decision

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the next five years.

directors nor their spouses may deal in any securities on a short-term basis. An announcement by Stagecoach last week also revealed that Mr McLeary performed a near-identical transaction in

February, cashing in on an 8.4 per cent rise over 13 trading days. Then Mr McLeary bought 10,000 shares at 699p when they had fallen from a high of 800p. They immediately bounced back and hit their second-highest peak of 758p, the price at which he sold the 10,000 shares less than three weeks later.

The late announcement of the February transaction also breached Stock Exchange rules and dealings by direc-tors and their immediate family. A spokesman for Ms Gloag said yesterday: "The

to force price cuts of 21 per cent on BG's TransCo sub-

sidiary.

It also sheds a poor light on BG's protests last year that Ms Spottiswoode's at-

tempt to impose further price

The move caused surprise

the transactions." He added that he would not have been told about any personal cir-cumstances behind the deal.

cuts meant that the company was being subjected to the "biggest smash-and-grab raid in history". The regulator is expected to toughen her regime for gas distribution and force cuts of market prices.

up to 25 per cent from BG is currently putting the buyback plan in an attempt to cut down the tax payable on the handout. Kenneth Clarke, the last Chancellor of the Exchequer, clamped down on the tax breaks on these buybacks.

transaction was undertaken by Mr McLeary. Notification to the company was overthe oversight was realised the company and the Stock Ex-

change were informed." The share swoops created a cash profit of £8,500. Ms Gloag is currently the highestpaid woman in Scotland on £2.72 million a year. Her personal fortune is estimated

second-wealthiest woman in Britain and within two years is expected to overtake the Queen to become the country's richest woman as her dividend payments keep building. She is on course to receive £3.43 million in company payouts this year alone.

suggesting that Ms Gloag seems unlikely to break regulations for the sake of such a comparatively small amount. However, neither the com-

City analysts say that al-



at £600 million.

Ms Gloag is ranked as the

in the City, with analysts

pany nor its appointed stock-broker could offer an alternative explanation for the deals. Alan Whitnall, group administration director, said: "As far as I know there are no other circumstances behind

Mr McLeary's February share swoop came less than two weeks before Mr Souter formally announced that he was buying shares with £90,000 of his own money at

would have helped the share price to rise, the fluctuations were driven by delayed reactions to its interim results. It is also unclear whether Ms Gloag knew her brother would be making the announcement. The matter is understood to have been passed for investigation by the Stock Exchange's compliance unit, which determines whether directors have acted against

Michael Cass, left, head of the enterprises business, whose branded goods earned a record £750,000 last year, and Alan Borg. V&A director Business booms at V&A

pets, lamps, garden furniture and ties earned a record £750,000 for the Victoria and Albert Museum last year, raise funds - increased the amount and could bring in up to £1 million in covenanted back to the V&A by 43 per cent last year. The museum needs £30 According to its annual report, V&A

Enterprises — the business set up 11 million a year to keep going and years ago to spread good design and to expects a £750,000 cut in its government grant next year.

The international licensing programme, which allows manufacturers

to use the V&A name on V&A inspired products in return for payment of a 6 to 10 per cent royalty, had total retail turnover of about 190 million. Among new licensees were Colefax & Fowler, the furnishing fabrics company, and Marks & Spencer, which has launched lingerie and toiletries based on the design from an old Valentine card.

Railtrack to incur trade ready to wrath of Prescott

By MARK COURT

RAILTRACK is set to anger John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, by making at least £200 million more from property dealing than it estimated in its flotation prospec-

By Sarah Cunningham

SALES of V&A-branded paints, car-

tus last year. The owner of the UK's railway lines and stations is strengthening its property sites. It said it would make £1 billion from property in the first five years after privatisation, but City sources close to Railtrack now say it will make at least £1.2 billion.

Railtrack will not comment on the estimates but admitted that it is taking a more active role in developing properties. It recently hired Helen Gordon from John Laing, where she was responsible for developing the Ashford interchange for the Channel Tunnel.

Bob Hill, Railtrack's property director, said: "We would not preclude having 100 per cent of a project, but what we cannot handle at the moment is something of great complexity. In the coming months and years we will be building that

Railtrack has an incentive to speed up the development of its properties. Currently it has to give 25 per cent of its property profits to the train-operating companies. But the rail regula-tor is likely to change that to 40 per cent after 2001.

Mr Prescott, a strong critic of Railtrack, claimed at the time of privatisation that it was being sold too cheaply.

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double in size

By CHRIS AYRES

THE British music industry, which earns more than £1 billion a year in export sales alone, is set to double in size over the next five years, according to an authoritative survey published today by Credit Suisse.

The Swiss bank's survey will come as good news for record companies based in Britain, led by EMI and Polygram, which could soon see the country's record sales overtaking those of Germany to rank third be-

hind the US and Japan. The survey found that 84 per cent of music industry agents believe that pop stars' earnings could more than double before 2002 because of a big rise in foreign demand for records by UK artistes.

British music | Heseltine buys out Haymarket partners

By Jason Nissė

former Deputy Prime Minister, is understood to have bought out his long-standing partners in Haymarket, the publishing group he founded, making them multimillionaires in the process.

The move, which coincided with Mr Heseltine's decision not to stand for the leadership of the Conservative Party, consolidates his control over the magazine business, which is now valued at more than E140 million.

Earlier this year Hay-market, famous for titles such as Campaign, What Car? and FourFourTwo, purchased the shares in the group held by Lindsay Masters, its chairman, and Simon Tindall, its chief executive, for £39.9 million. At the same time Mr

MICHAEL HESELTINE, the Heseltine rejoined the board after an 18-year absence enforced by the rules covering the outside interests of government ministers.

He recently appointed two close friends — Lord Levene of Portsoken, chairman of Canary Wharf, and Alan Kemp, GEC's director of strategy to Haymarket's board and is reported to have told senior staff that the company was to remain "family-owned". Many believe that his son Rupert is being groomed to take over.

Mr Heseltine is understood to be keen to resume his business career. He had hoped to become GEC chairman but this fell foul of the decision by George Simpson, GEC's managing director, to accept a peerage from Tony Blair.

Brooks Bros heads for UK

By Sarah Cunningham, retail correspondent

ning to bring Brooks Brothers. the American clothes store, to the UK and mainland Europe. After a recent deal to open branches in South-East Asia, Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, has decided he would like to see Brooks Brothers enter other new markets, a

spokeswoman for the company said yesterday.

MARKS & SPENCER is plan- term plan and no sites have yet been located for openings in Britain or on the Continent,

Brooks Brothers, which was founded 169 years ago, was bought by Marks & Spencer in 1988 for £400 million. After suffering several difficult years, its performance showed signs of improvement last year, when it enjoyed turnover of £580 million and produced

an operating profit of £21 Sir Richard has conceded

that Marks & Spencer paid too much for the American company, but he is pleased by the recent improvement in sales. Marks & Spencer struck a deal last month with Dickson Poon, the Asian entrepreneur behind Harvey Nichols, to

open 20 Brooks Brothers out-Brown aiming to revive world debt-relief plan

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Fund, will still not get any

GORDON BROWN, the Chancellor, will attempt tomorrow to breathe new life into international efforts to relieve the debt burdens of the world's poorest countries.

At a meeting of Common-wealth Finance Ministers in Mauritius, Mr Brown is expected to set an objective of getting every poor country eligible for debt relief under the Highly Indebted Poor Country Initiative (HIPC) to have made a start on the process by 2000.

On current estimates, around 19 poor countries are thought likely to comply with HIPC conditions of economic good behaviour in the foreseeable future. Mr Brown would like to see at least three quariers of these eligible for full debt relief by the millennium, with the others at least embarked on the process, which takes six years. The HIPC initiative has yet

to deliver debt relief to a single

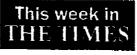
country. Uganda is likely to be

the first to benefit but, even after a decade of complying rigorously with economic adand Germany, who question the principle of debt write-offs. But there has also been

cash until at least next year. The debt relief initiative has been dogged by political op-position, notably from Japan intense and, so far relatively unproductive, horsetrading between the IMF, World Bank and leading national creditors about funding.

Mr Brown's speech will not seek to expand significantly on current plans for debi relief. Nor will be go into detail on how the package should be financed, although Britain has put a \$20 million (£12.5 million) offer on the table. The Chancelior appears to feel that reinforcing the momentum behind existing plans is the best he can do.

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